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Tories and Labour define loose compact between people and government

The end of the welfare state

David Brindle, Social Security Correspondent

BRITAIN'S two main political parties yesterday declared an end to the welfare state as it has been known for 50 years, forecasting a new and looser compact between the individual and an enabling government.

As the Conservatives published plans for people to use private insurance and pensions to pay for care in old age, Labour set out the first details of a new welfare state in which private insurance would play a growing role.

Chris Smith, Labour's shadow social security secretary, said: "Surely it is time to get away from the sterile battle lines of public and private and, instead, to look at how the two can best work together in the interests of the citizen — and in the interests of all citizens at that."

Contemptuously dismissing "the old statist left", Mr Smith said: "The principle must surely be that the state acts as the guarantor of all provision — and the administrator of some."

The coincidence of the Labour and Tory announcements marks a decisive and irreversible shift in the role of the welfare state.

After years of debate across the political spectrum about its suitability and affordability in 21st-century Britain, yesterday's moves represent a bipartisan rejection of the comprehensive, state-run social insurance model of William Beveridge, the welfare state's founding father.

Introducing the Government's long-term care proposals, Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said the "principal responsibility" must rest with the individual for ensuring that he or she enjoys a comfortable and fulfilling retirement.

Setting out the founding principles of Labour's social justice programme, Mr Smith said he wanted a welfare system which provided real protection, helped the poor return to work and secured people's retirement. The Government's role should be to guarantee as much.

"How... it is to be delivered is a matter for sensible judgement and practical analysis. It is not simply a matter of how much money is spent, or how much is administered by a particular form of bureaucracy," he said.

Mr Smith was at pains to stress he was not departing from the underlying principles of Beveridge. But the welfare state had to change to take account of modern family structures, job flexibility and insecurity, and the rise of the working woman. "The reality is very clear. In looking at our welfare state, and how it should take account of modern times, we know that it has to adapt."

A prominent member of the "new Labour" group around Tony Blair, Mr Smith is likely to have fuelled Labour left-wingers' fears that traditional principles are being abandoned. He has further heightened anxiety by calling for a new definition of poverty.

While promising that Labour would write poverty back into the political script, saying he "grieved" at how the Government had written it out, Mr Smith described as too simplistic some of the income-based measures welfare groups use to count the poor.

"If you are highly skilled, earning a reasonable wage, and have a modicum of savings, when you are thrown out of work you may become technically poor — your standard of living is certainly substantially diminished — but you may well have a reasonable chance of re-establishing yourself out of poverty in a short period of time."

Committing a Labour government to seek a consensus for better defining poverty, Mr Smith said: "It isn't simply the figures on your income that count; it is all the other denials of life chances that come in train. Our national assessment of what poverty means needs to take that into account."

Before outlining his proposals, in a lecture sponsored by the Institute for Public Policy Research, Mr Smith asked the media to desist from the "moetly inaccurate" reporting of a shadow cabinet split over the idea of scrapping child benefit for the over-16s. Insisting no decision had been made, he said: "I look forward to fruitful and constructive discussions with my colleagues on the issue in the coming weeks."

Ministers sought to keep the spotlight on child benefit. Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, claimed Labour was in disarray. He said: "Labour's child benefit fiasco shows that it is making wrong choices, not hard choices, on welfare."

Liz Lynne, who speaks on social security for the Liberal Democrats, criticised the lack of detail in Mr Smith's lecture. "For months we were told that come May, the full range of Labour's social security policies would be revealed."

"Yet today we are informed that there are still weeks more of waiting. Once again, internal disputes within the Labour Party are postponing any significant policy announcements."

William Beveridge: "The main feature of the Plan for Social Security is a scheme of social insurance against interruption and destruction of earning power and for special expenditure arising at marriage, birth and death"



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Stephen Dorrell: "The Government believes that it is important to provide a framework of support to allow individual citizens to plan their affairs against a more stable background"

Chris Smith: "The welfare state is after all a framework which the Government sets in order to enable citizens to achieve security; it is not a particular mechanism per se for delivering that security"

Dorrell plans personal insurance route for elderly care

Richard Thomas, Economics Correspondent

THE Government warned yesterday that the state would provide only a "safety net" for elderly care, leaving the bulk of the population to shoulder the cost of their care after retirement.

Outlining proposals to encourage people to buy insurance policies for old-age nursing care and social support, Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said the ageing population meant more care than ever was required, and that costs would escalate.

"The Government believes that the principal responsibility for making that provision rests with the individual," Mr Dorrell said in a Commons statement on a consultation document published yesterday. "We shall continue



to provide a safety net." His proposals would allow payments from an insurance policy to be offset against any future means test by the state. At present anybody with

assets over £16,000 is obliged to pay for their care. Under the new scheme, which may become law this year, this threshold would increase in line with the size of an insurance policy.

In a clear nod to his party's rightwing, Mr Dorrell said the changes would build on previous measures to encourage people to opt out of state pension schemes and would "reward the thrifty for their responsibility".

Mr Dorrell added that by reducing the need for retired people to sell their home to pay for care, the proposals would allow them to pass it on to their children.

But Labour seized on Mr Dorrell's comments as a betrayal of the basic principles of the welfare state. Harriet Harman, shadow health secretary, said: "People were told that they would be looked

after from the cradle to the grave. They have left it a bit late to tell people to provide for themselves."

Archie Kirkwood, the Liberal Democrat spokesman on community care, said: "The scheme is a gimmick to provide an illusion of interest and action for the Conservatives between now and the election. It does not begin to address the scale of the longer term problem."

Lobby groups said the cost of insurance premiums — which could be as much as £10,000 for a lump sum payment — made them prohibitively expensive.

But the insurance industry gave a warm welcome to the proposals, which it said would boost the nascent market in care insurance.

MPs expressed some concern that insurance firms' profits would be put before

proper regulation of the market, pointing to widespread mis-selling of pension schemes. These fears were fuelled by Mr Dorrell's view

that care insurance schemes should not be covered by the Financial Services Act, which protects customers against inappropriate sales.

High-earning MPs refuse to disclose interests

David Hencke, Westminster Correspondent

A DOZEN former ministers — from David Mellor to Douglas Hurd — have decided not to declare income from lucrative directorships in the first register of members' interests which requires MPs to disclose outside earnings.

Roy Hattersley, the former Labour deputy leader, emerges as the top earner — receiving £104,500 from two contracts with the Mail on Sunday and the Guardian — in a guide to MPs' outside earnings. Other top earners include Patrick Nicholson, Con-

servative MP for Teignbridge, who receives nearly £80,000 from his declared directorships, and Sir Dudley Smith, Conservative MP for Warwick and Leamington, who earns £45,000.

But some 40 Conservative MPs and a handful of Labour MPs have not declared their earnings.

David Mellor, reputed to earn £350,000 a year from 10ish Aerospace, Racal, Vosper Thornycroft and Ernst and Young, declares £5,000 a year from the London Weekend Television's political programme, Cross Talk.

Douglas Hurd, the former foreign secretary, reputed to

earn £250,000 a year from Natwest Markets and a directorship with Natwest Bank, declares no income.

Other ministers not declaring income include Tristan Garel-Jones, an adviser to British Gas, BP, Biwater and the Union Bank of Switzerland; Norman Lamont, with seven directorships; Richard Needham, with four directorships including GEC and Gleneagles; Nicholas Scott; Tim Sainsbury and Kenneth Baker; John Butcher, David Howell and Sir Norman Fowler. Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, a former private minister and a strident opponent of the new rules and register, also makes no declaration.

Mr Mellor justifies his decision in his entry. "It is not now, and never has been a contractual duty, implied or otherwise, for my services are provided in my capacity as an MP. The existence of these contracts is not dependent in any way upon my being an MP, nor does the duration of these contracts bear any relationship to any parliamentary timetable."

Among those declaring their income, money from journalism dominates. As well as Roy Hattersley's £104,500 — £75,500 of it from the Mail on Sunday — Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, receives £30 per column from the Scottish Daily Re-

cord, bringing in up to £15,000 a year. His contributions are ghostwritten by his spin doctor, Charlie Whelan. Helen Liddell, Labour MP for Monklands East, earns a similar sum from the Glasgow Evening Times. Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West, earns up to £5,000 a year from the South West Echo.

Journalism aside, the going rate appears to be between £15,000 and £25,000 for a banking consultancy and up to £10,000 for other parliamentary work. Jack Cunningham, Labour's national heritage secretary, earns up to £30,000 from his three consultancies, including Albright and Wilson, Hays Chemicals

and Centurion Press.

Among the lighter items declared are the gift of a Fender Stratocaster guitar to Tony Blair — a safety helmet and safety clothing to John Prescott from the RAC; two bouquets of flowers to Anne Campbell, Labour MP for Cambridge; 12 jars of honey from the London Beekeepers' Association to Tony Banks, MP for Newham North West; and a declaration from Peter Bottomley, Tory MP for Elibham, that he gets invited to many cultural events only as the spouse of Virginia Bottomley, the heritage secretary.

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Daniel's mother, Maureen, leaving the Old Bailey yesterday

Boy's killer 'played out depraved sex fantasy'

Owen Bowcott hears how two paedophiles snatched nine-year-old Daniel Handley from the street as he played on his bike

TWO former prisoners who shared paedophile fantasies about abducting, sexually debauching and murdering children, snatched nine-year-old Daniel Handley from an east London street, the Old Bailey heard yesterday. Timothy Moss, aged 33, a florist from Leyton, east London, and Brett Tyler, aged 30, unemployed and of no fixed address, tricked the boy into their car and drove him to a mini-cab office in Camberwell, south London, where they bugged him, said John Bevan, prosecutor. On the same Sunday evening in October 1994, the two men, who were lovers, persuaded Daniel back to the car and said they would take him home. Instead, the court heard, they headed west to a layby near junction 14 on the M4. After they promised to decide would not kill him, he was strangled in the back seat with a length of rope. Driving on to Bradley Stoke, north of Bristol, the two men dug a shallow grave and buried the body before returning to London. Daniel's body was discovered six months later, said Mr

Bevan, after foxes had unearthed his bones. Moss, who changed his plea half an hour before yesterday's hearing, admitted charges of abduction, bugging and murder. Tyler, who had admitted taking part in the killing in a police interview, yesterday pleaded guilty to abducting and bugging Daniel, but denied murder. At the start of the trial, Mr Bevan warned the jury of the evidence was deeply disturbing. "What you will hear is about as depressing an example of the dark side of human nature, of man's inhumanity to man and downright wickedness, as you could imagine," he said. "If that sounds like acts of callous inhumanity and depravation beyond belief, unfortunately that is what this case is about... the deliberate abduction, bugging and murder of an innocent nine-year-old, purely for the purpose of fulfilling their lust." Solely at issue, the court was told, was the question of whether Moss alone, or both men together, carried out the murder. Was Tyler a participant with Moss in the killing



Daniel Handley, whose body was found near Bristol six months after his abduction by paedophiles in east London

or could he claim to be merely a spectator at Daniel's death? Even though Tyler retracted his confession and gave another account a month afterwards, that second statement should still be sufficient to convict him of murder, said Mr Bevan. The idea of snatching a boy off the street had developed when Tyler and Moss met while serving sentences in the 1980s where they became lovers and began discussing their sexual fantasies.

In his first interview, Tyler told police how he and Moss had gone out for a drive around Beckton, east London, because it was a quiet afternoon. "We were just looking at the boys, the usual bobby," he said. "We saw a boy riding a bike. He took a side street so we turned round and went back. We pulled over, put a map in the back of the car, asked him to show us where we were and pushed him in." Their victim was Daniel Handley.

From a deprived background, Daniel used to pick up extra pocket money by collecting trolleys from the local Asda supermarket. His mother, Maxine, had five children, though not all of them lived at home. Daniel, who rode a BMX bicycle, was allowed out on his own as long as he was home by 6pm. On the evening in question he was late. He was also blond. "If he had not been, presumably he would still be alive today," Mr Bevan remarked.

After the killing, Moss and Tyler fled to the Philippines. There they fell out and came to blows, with Moss returning first to Britain. Tyler stayed on in a remote house, along with male friends, near Manila. "Child sex was available there regularly," the court heard. Eventually he was detained by the Philippines authorities and visiting Metropolitan Police detectives before being expelled and returned to Britain. The case continues.

PM calls for European BSE summit

Stephen Bates in Brussels

THE Government's ferment over the beef crisis intensified yesterday as it emerged that John Major has intervened with Jacques Santer, the president of the European Commission, and the Italian presidency of the European Union suggesting that an emergency summit of heads of government may be needed to hammer out a solution to the export ban. The move — which would rapidly raise the tension between Britain and fellow EU states and expose the Prime Minister to international humiliation if it failed — was being put forward as one of a range of options by Downing Street last night. An emergency summit could follow if agriculture ministers and the EU's veterinary experts fail to reach a solution involving at least a partial lifting of the ban at meetings scheduled over the next fortnight.

A government spokesman said: "The Prime Minister has written to President Santer. If the normal meetings do not get us anywhere we have to look at other ways of resolving the crisis urgently." The letter expressed Mr Major's agitation over the delay in reaching a solution and his concern for rapid movement towards lifting the ban on British beef exports following the BSE scare.

The EU's veterinary experts will meet in Brussels today, but will not discuss the beef crisis or lifting the worldwide export ban on by-products such as gelatine, tallow or semen, as British ministers had hoped.

Franz Fischler, the Austrian agriculture commissioner, who had implied on Monday that he might recommend lifting the byproducts ban when the commission also meets this morning, was thought last night to be unlikely to do so. Commission officials said he would recommend that the ban might be reconsidered if it was thought likely that a majority of other member states would agree — an unlikely prospect for several weeks. A commission spokesman said: "The Prime Minister in his letter mentions the possibility of calling a special European council. We are fully aware of his concern.

We are also concerned about the situation and are doing our best to create the conditions for a rapid solution."

Meanwhile, in London, one of Britain's leading industrialists blamed Britain — and by implication the Government — for the beef crisis rather than the EU, where most Tories and commentators have sought to place the blame.

Sir Michael Perry, chairman of Unilever, which owns the beefburger company Birds Eye Walls, said: "There is a tendency in some quarters to portray the source of the troubles in the BSE fiasco as lying abroad, particularly in the hands of our European partners. This is not where they lie. They lie at home and it is here, in the UK, where the solutions must be sought."

He told Unilever's annual meeting: "The sound and fury that has accompanied the handling of the BSE crisis must not be allowed to spill over into wider European relations and get in the way of our positive commitment to the single market."

Officials in Brussels last night found it difficult to see where an emergency heads of government meeting could be slotted in to the crowded schedule of regular meetings arranged for the next few weeks. Foreign ministers meet next week and agriculture ministers the week after and the six monthly summit of heads of government is due in Florence in just over six weeks' time.

There has been no sign that any other member states favour softening the ban until there is clear evidence that BSE has been eradicated from British herds. The Spanish have demanded all English cows be destroyed and the Irish have said the ban would last for months.

Douglas Hoeg, the Agriculture Secretary, has spent the last two days fruitlessly trying to convince his fellow ministers at a meeting in Otranto, southern Italy, that at least there should be the prospect of a partial lifting of the ban sometime soon.

Any emergency meeting would have to be called by the Italian government, which holds the presidency of the Council of Ministers, but the newly elected government of Romano Prodi, which takes power in Rome next week, is unlikely to rush organising an additional summit so soon.

Juventus weigh up venue change

John Hooper in Rome

A MEETING to be held in Turin tomorrow is expected to decide whether Juventus will become the first large European soccer club to abandon its city of origin and migrate, American-style, to another part of Italy. Following the breakdown of talks on Monday between the club, the local council and the owners of the city's Delle Alpi stadium, Turin's mayor, Valentino Castellani, said: "There is a definite possibility that Juventus will not be playing at the Delle Alpi next year." Mr Castellani added that the club was considering a move to Bologna, more than 200 miles away. A statement from Juventus last night said: "We confirm that we shall be taking an official position after Thursday's meeting." At the centre of the affair is the Delle Alpi ground itself, used by both Juventus and Torino, who are due to be relegated. Built for the 1990 World Cup with the help of a £13.5 million government subsidy, it has become a monument to the profligacy of politicians. According to the firm which built it, the stadium cost £90 million — more than three times what was budgeted. The builders went bankrupt and their obligations were assumed by their bankers at the Istituto San Paolo, which has until 2020 to recover what it can. But maintenance costs are running at between £4 million and £5.4 million

a year. And last year, Juventus and Torino paid rent of £585,000 and £270,000 respectively.

Mr Castellani said he understood it would cost Juventus just £225,000 to play in Bologna. If the club were to leave, "the only solution would be to tear the stadium down. It is a disaster — a metaphor for the madness of the 1980s."

He is reported to have been investigating the possibility of playing in Novara, about 50 miles away but, unlike Bologna, still within Piedmont. American football and baseball teams often move grounds. But in Europe, all but a handful of minor sides have stayed in the towns and cities where they were formed, and where they are seen — particularly in Italy — as expressions of local pride.

By the autumn of 1997, Britons, Juventus is owned by the Agnelli family, which also owns the car giant, Fiat. Mr Castellani yesterday appealed to the family and the Istituto San Paolo "to collaborate in finding a solution".

For the councillor responsible for sport in the regional government of Piedmont, Antonello Angeletti, the two clubs' reports were "proof that these days sport is merely a question of economics".

But Bologna's mayor, Walter Vitell, said: "I sincerely hope the problem can be resolved and that Juventus will play the [next] championship at the Delle Alpi in Turin. Otherwise, it would be traumatic — something which has never before happened in Italy."

Sky's the limit as TV goes digital

Roger Cowe

THE prospect of Quentin Tarantino's Pulp Fiction showing every 15 minutes on television was raised by the satellite broadcaster, BSkyB, yesterday when it committed itself for the first time to digital TV. Satellite TV will expand by hundreds of channels providing pay-per-view and video on demand services before the end of next year under BSkyB's plans. It has agreed to lease capacity for up to 150 channels on a satellite which will be launched in the autumn of 1997. More will follow, with a target of 500 channels which would be serviced by joint ventures involving new and existing TV companies, expected to include Virgin, the BBC and Granada.

"By the autumn of 1997 we will have the satellite capacity in place and we will roll out our digital service from then," said BSkyB director, Richard Brooke. Digital signals will provide better picture and sound quality. They also require less satellite capacity, cutting transmission costs, and opening the possibility of films virtually on demand because the same film can be broadcast on several different channels at 15-minute intervals.

The move to hundreds of higher quality channels will also introduce widespread pay-per-view operations. Sam Chisholm, BSkyB managing director, said yesterday: "There will be 100 channels offering pay-per-view movies. Pulp Fiction every quarter of an hour for less than it would cost to take out the video, probably about £2."

BSkyB is concerned about the transition from analogue to digital transmission because of the possible impact on its subscribers, who would need a "black box" set-top decoder. Mr Brooke said full analogue services would be provided in parallel to digital transmission for customers who did not wish to switch. He had earlier reported a continued rise in subscriber numbers which fuelled a 45 per cent increase in profits in the last three months. An additional 149,000 subscribers were signed up in the quarter, bringing the total for Britain and Ireland to 5.3 million, or roughly one in five households. For the first time the number of new cable subscribers was higher than those receiving programmes directly via a satellite dish, who yield higher revenues for Sky.

But in another first, Sky recorded more than a tenth of total British TV viewing in the week ending March 17. BSkyB sales during the quarter were £272 million, resulting in profit before tax of £71 million, up from £49 million in the same quarter last year. The figures are expected to lead to higher profits at Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, which owns 40 per cent of BSkyB and reports its latest results this morning. Sky revealed yesterday that last month's Bruno v Tyson boxing match, the first pay-per-view event in Britain, was not a financial success. One in seven, or 680,000 subscribers, paid a minimum £9.99 on top of their regular subscriptions to watch the world heavyweight bout at 4 am on March 17, bringing in about £5 million. But Mr Brooke said profits had been negligible.

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New powers for inspectors as controversial report finds poor reading standards in three inner London boroughs

Shephard attacks 'trendy' teaching

Donald MacLeod
Education Correspondent

GILLIAN Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, yesterday launched a attack on "trendy" teaching methods in schools and teacher training colleges.

She gave inspectors new powers to test children in the classroom and called on governors to sack ineffective staff.

A highly critical report yesterday by the Office for Standards in Education on the way reading was taught in three inner London boroughs is to be followed by an investigation of the teaching of numeracy in three other low-performing authorities as part of a back to basics drive. Ofsted and local authority inspectors found nearly eight out of 10 seven-year-olds in Islington, Southwark and Tower Hamlets were behind in reading, and four out of 10 11-year-olds were two years behind. The gap in pupils' reading performance was serious and unacceptable. Mrs Shephard said she would introduce legislation to give Ofsted powers to test children in schools where they suspected standards were low, and to inspect local education authorities as well as individual schools.

"The report clearly identified poor leadership and poor teaching as the main reasons why hundreds of children in these London boroughs are being so badly let down."

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Promising league tables of teacher training colleges and



Chris Woodhead: re-wrote parts of the report

university departments based on Ofsted inspections, she endorsed the conclusion of Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector, that ineffective teaching methods were to blame.

The report, which was redrafted by Mr Woodhead to the anger of the three authorities which collaborated in the survey, said: "At the heart of the problem is a commitment to methods and approaches to the teaching of reading that were self-evidently not working..."

Mrs Shephard said: "There could be no clearer indictment. It will not do." The report found a quarter of schools were not resourced effectively to teach the national curriculum requirements for reading, but Mrs Shephard said resources were not the problem.

Her campaign marks the growing influence of Mr Woodhead, the head of Ofsted, who will issue back to basics guidelines on teaching methods, emphasising the need for phonics and whole-class teaching.

The report says that direct,

systematic work was rare, especially in the final primary year when many pupils still needed it. Teachers spent too much time simply listening to individual children read. "While teachers worked hard at the teaching of reading, too much of their effort was wasted because either the organisation and management of the work was too complicated or their own knowledge about the teaching of reading was weak." Many teachers were critical of their own training to teach reading.

Black African pupils performed best in the standardised tests at seven and 11. Bangladeshi pupils achieved low scores at seven but did better at 11. White pupils from poor backgrounds consistently did least well.

David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, said: "Mrs Shephard and Mr Woodhead have missed out on the importance of the family. Parents can play a crucial part in raising standards of literacy in the inner cities and they should be encouraged to do so."



Gillian Shephard... promises teacher training college and university department league tables based on Ofsted reports

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- Gillian Shephard

The deleted passages

PASSAGES deleted from the final report by Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector, included:

"Most of these characteristics—bilingualism, poverty, pupil and staff turnover—were outside the control of the schools and where schools faced a combination of them their task was a difficult one."

"A significantly high proportion of the pupils in the 45 schools had special educational needs, or spoke English as an additional language, or came from deprived backgrounds."

"Weaknesses do not occur because the teachers are less well qualified or more inept than their

colleagues elsewhere... teaching reading in many of these schools is a particularly difficult task for which the teachers are not always well prepared."

"Overwhelmingly the teachers involved in this survey present themselves as pragmatic, non-doctrinaire people who want to have at their disposal the highest possible repertoire of skills and knowledge about teaching reading."

"The quality of teaching of reading was satisfactory or better in approximately two-thirds of the lessons observed in Year 2" was changed to read: "In one third of these the quality of teaching was unsatisfactory or poor."

UK 'scores low on education'

Stephen Bates finds EU figures belie ministers' spending claims

CONTRARY to the Government's claims, Britain spends a lower percentage of its national wealth on education than any other European state, according to EU figures yesterday.

The survey also shows that British teachers take some of the biggest classes in Europe and for more hours than virtually anywhere else. The figures are drawn largely from data compiled by member states and bodies such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

As for pupils, the report shows some of the lowest participation rates in nursery education, the lowest proportion of teenagers reaching an advanced standard in the sixth form, and the smallest proportion going on to read technical subjects such as engineering at university.

British pupils learn fewer foreign languages for a shorter period than those anywhere else except in Ireland. In the rest of Europe 89 per cent of secondary pupils learn English, while only 32 per cent take French and 19 per cent take German.

Figures for education spending as a proportion of gross domestic product show that ministers' claims that Britain spends a higher proportion of its wealth on education are no longer correct. OECD figures for 1992 show Britain spending 4.1 per cent of GDP on education, compared with 5.9 in France and 7.5 in Finland.

Even Germany, with which ministers often make comparisons, spends 4.8 per cent of its GDP when spending on public and private institutions is taken into account.

Class sizes in England are larger than anywhere else except Ireland, and have not been falling in recent years as they have in other states.

British schools tend to be the largest, with 214 pupils in primaries and 733 in secondaries on average compared with 108 and 578 in France.

British teachers have to work longer hours than many EU colleagues. The figures are not clear cut, since teachers in many states have fewer compulsory teaching hours but longer working days overall. British teachers work 1,365 compulsory hours a year, while the French work a maximum of 630 hours.

British teachers' pay has been on an upward curve, unlike salaries in many other states. British classroom teachers hit an earnings ceiling quicker than their colleagues on the Continent.

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Germany draws battle lines over nuclear train

Ian Traynor in Bonn

THOUSANDS of German police and anti-nuclear militants are preparing for a showdown today when a trainload of plutonium and nuclear waste is scheduled to arrive from France at a north German storage site.

Police used water cannon yesterday to disperse hundreds of protesters blocking the train unloading point in Dannenberg, near the Gorleben storage site.

A north German court banned demonstrations at the storage site earlier this week after violent clashes between police and protesters, and yesterday the German interior minister, Manfred Kanther, ordered police to get tough with the activists.

Violent demonstrators are criminals endangering others' lives," Mr Kanther said.

The train bearing reprocessed nuclear waste from the plant at La Hague in France is the first cargo to cross the border between European countries under French legislation that requires nuclear materials reprocessed at La Hague to be returned to the country of origin.

The protesters have been trying to stop the arrival at Gorleben by bringing down power cables, sabotaging railway lines and cutting off police reinforcements in a sometimes violent game of

cat-and-mouse with the authorities and the nuclear industry.

The itinerary of the train has been kept secret to keep the anti-nuclear hounds off the scent and several decoy trains have been dispatched from La Hague. However, yesterday there were reports of a mystery train arriving in Germany near the western town of Ludwigschafen en route for the north.

Dozens of protesters were arrested early on Monday after fights with police near Gorleben. The violent fringe of the movement is spearheaded by young, hooded left-wing radicals. Locally, the Gorleben site is strongly opposed by a broad church that breaks across barriers of age, class, wealth and political affiliation.

On Sunday afternoon, senior citizens staged a "knit-in" opposite the Gorleben municipal offices. Local priests and vicars have called special church services in surrounding towns and villages for this evening to register their protest.

At the weekend, a group of 50 local doctors took out a full-page advertisement in the regional press to announce that they would be taking to the streets. Local schools and parent-teacher associations will be doing the same. Sixty firms in the area are also closing their doors today "in protest at the atomic policy of the federal and the state governments".

The general anger at today's scheduled arrival of the nuclear cargo comes as a climax to 20 years of attempts to stop the Gorleben storage project.

Gorleben is in the northern state of Lower Saxony, governed by Social Democrats under Gerhard Schröder, the ambitious state premier who sees himself as a potential German chancellor.

While the state's interior minister, Gerhard Glogowski, has been sending in police reinforcements, the Lower Saxony environment minister, Monika Grifflahn, yesterday demanded that the problem of storing nuclear waste be shared among Germany's 16 states.

Britain shows the way to bowler-hatted majors • Generals turn the screws on Yeltsin

Apostles of business training

James Mook in Moscow

THERE is an expression in Russian: "To leave in the English way". It means to leave without saying goodbye. As the minutes ticked away at the Military University yesterday, it began to seem as if the honoured guests from the British embassy had been obliged to do just that.

"Maybe they're down in the cellars," said one of the students, all former Russian officers who have been retrained for civilian careers with British taxpayers' money.

Smart in their business suits, the ex-officers sat dutifully in the classroom, staring at the row of empty chairs in front of the blackboard. Near by were two

neat piles of diplomas with the Union Jack and the Russian tricolour printed side by side on crisp white card.

Twelve-twenty, the ceremony had been due to start at noon. Everyone was gazing at the vase of flowers placed where the guests were supposed to be: three red carnations, three yellow, three pink, one white. Surely not some kind of secret message?

Finally at 12.30, just when it seemed certain that they were at home waiting for the removals van, the Britons turned up with their Russian hosts.

The British defence attaché, Air Commodore Philip Wilkinson, a scholarly-looking individual (though not dourish, heaven forbid) in RAF full dress uniform, chatted amiably with Cap-

tain Valery Baranovsky, in the black of the Russian navy.

The head of the university, General Nikolai Zvinchikov, seemed perfectly at ease sitting next to Andrew Carter, deputy head of the British embassy.

"The world has become an unpredictable, continually changing place," he said. "It is clear that fortune will favour those who do not ignore these changes and draw up a new strategy to cope with them."

In theory at least, the army's training department, was certainly not in the mood to let a little espionage contretemps obstruct the flow of funds from Whitehall.

"We are very grateful to Her Majesty the Queen and the Ministry of Defence for giving us help in training our officers," he said, beaming.

Attempts by journalists to salt the sweet-talking mood with a little spy talk were turned aside by British diplomats.

Asked if he expected to be expelled, Air Cdre Wilkinson said: "I can honestly say I have no knowledge of whose names are on the list, and it would be foolish to speculate. We are simply here to foster this event."

Mr Carter was even less forthcoming. "I haven't come here to comment on

this development at all. We're here for a happy occasion."

And the party sailed off upstairs. British and Russians together, for a group photograph.

Among the graduates was Nikolai Shumeiko, aged 46, a former sub-colonel in the army's construction corps. He said the course had been a good basic introduction to business. He had already found work. His view on the spy affair was more that of a pragmatic businessman than an offended Russian patriot.

"It was always that way and it always will be. It shouldn't be allowed to affect international relations. The secret services always work this way. Everyone has their job to do. That's what they get paid for."

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British strategy has nothing to do with skulduggery, spookery and snooper, and everything to do with teaching unemployed Russian majors and colonels about the joys and perils of life in a market economy.

General Nikolai Radul, number two in the Russian

precipitate action which could negatively influence the successful development of Russian-British relations."

The ministry's loss is the security service's gain. There have been indications that the balance of power in the Kremlin has shifted. The defence minister, General Pavel Grachev, recently gave the Communist-dominated State Duma an assessment of the military situation in Chechnya which all but destroyed the peace plan that Mr Yeltsin had just announced.

Gen Grachev's contribution to the peace debate went uncorrected by his president, who is about to visit Grozny to offer the rebels direct peace talks.

The generals know they carry millions of votes. The military-industrial complex was the earliest victim of the collapse of the Soviet Union and its traditional arms markets in eastern Europe. Its workers know that the only way their jobs can be saved is by Russia beginning to produce and export arms again.

With eastern Europe lost and about to join Nato, Russia is once again making overtures to rogue states such as Libya and Iran, and also looking eastwards to China.

The military-industrial complex is thus, in foreign policy terms, in conflict with those pulling at Mr Yeltsin's other sleeve, the pro-Western financial tycoons and the raw-materials lobby. Russia exports its oil and gas largely to the west.

So far the latter have been influential in government. They have the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, as their chief spokesman. But how long will this continue? Mr Chernomyrdin's own party got only 10 per cent of the vote in the last elections, and Mr Yeltsin needs the support of nationalists to fight off the Communist challenge.

The Federal Security Service has arrested a scientist for producing and smuggling abroad nuclear material which could be used for military purposes. Itar-Tass news agency said yesterday, quoting a spokesman in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk. It said he produced more than 2lb of material using his own technology, but gave no further details.

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News in brief

Bahrain blast kills three

A couple and their three-year-old son were killed and four people injured when a blast demolished a house in a suburb of the Bahraini capital Manama yesterday, officials said. One of the injured was the couple's five-year-old son.

It was not immediately clear if the blast was related to anti-government unrest that started in the Gulf state in December 1994 and has claimed at least 25 lives. Shiite Muslim protesters are demanding reforms. — Reuter

Author ducks out

New York University cancelled a Holocaust symposium last night after Daniel Goldhagen, the author of a book on Nazi Germany, withdrew because of fears of hostile press coverage in Germany, the New York Times reported yesterday. — AP

Elephant horror

Animal rights activists expressed horror yesterday at the way a logging elephant

was killed after it trampled to death two handlers. It was riddled with 200 bullets and took two days to die in a forest 300 miles north of Bangkok. — AP

Wildfire slowed

Planes bombarded a wildfire in northern New Mexico with water and fire retardant yesterday, slowing its progress towards a ski resort. The fire has spread across more than 7,500 acres of tinder-dry ponderosa pine, burning at least 27 buildings and forcing hundreds of residents to flee. Light winds are also slowing the fire. — AP

Correction

A news agency story published in the Guardian inaccurately attributed to Cambodia Daily a suggestion that British cows suffering from mad cow disease be shipped to Cambodia to detonate the millions of land mines littering the country. The suggestion was in fact contained in a signed reader's letter to the Cambodia Daily. The letter does not reflect the view of that newspaper.

Berlin relights the lamp for Marlene

Rick Atkinson

visits Dietrich's grave and the repository of her worldly goods

JOHN WAYNE called her "the most intriguing woman I've ever known". Ernest Hemingway said: "It makes no difference how she breaks your heart, if she is there to mend it."

Marlene Dietrich lives on in such accolades, even though her earthly remains lie beneath a stand of birch trees in the Stubenrauchstrasse cemetery in Berlin, where a small but reverent procession of fans shuffled past her grave on the fourth anniversary of her death at the age of 80.

Her tomb has become a place of pilgrimage, even though she abandoned her native Germany for Hollywood in 1930, became an American citizen, and is still despised by many German rightwingers as a traitor because of her propaganda work against the Third Reich.

"I'm a big Marlene fan, not only because of her films but because of such an opponent of the Nazis," said Frank Dietrich, aged 36 and no relation, as he stood with tears in his eyes. "For me, she is just an incredibly wonderful woman."

Berlin has more than her body. A brick warehouse in the Spandau district contains her worldly possessions, bought in 1983 by the Berlin senate at Sotheby's for \$5 million (£3.3 million).

Administered by the German Cinematheque Foundation, the collection is being sorted, catalogued and pho-

tographed by a team of six operators for an eventual display in a special exhibition hall on Potsdamer Platz, the once and future heart of the German capital.

"No one knew before she died exactly what she had," said Werner Sudendorf, director of the German Cinematheque Collection.

"We had written to her and she had replied: 'I don't have anything. The costumes all belonged to the film studios and I'm no thief.'"

"In fact she had a lot of stuff hidden, as it were, under the bed."

A lot of stuff indeed. There is the wardrobe: 440 pairs of shoes, more than 400 hats, 150 pairs of gloves, hundreds of dresses and suits, about 50 film costumes, and the sundry accessories — such as a peach-coloured silk teddy — of the quintessential temptress, a woman considered the apotheosis of sexual allure.

There are more than 300,000 documents, including letters from Yul Brynner, Noel Coward, Ronald Reagan, Orson Welles and the director Billy Wilder.

There are 15,000 photographs, including a 1930 publicity picture inscribed "to my sweet Tami" — her husband's mistress.

"We try to portray her not only as a film diva but also as a political personality," Mr Sudendorf said. "And for Germany that's very important."

The political Dietrich is visible in her US army non-combatant's ID, accrediting her to "the Army of North Africa and the Mediterranean" in the second world war. She made more than 500 appearances entertaining troops overseas. She called it "the only important thing I've ever done". — Washington Post.



No tell-tales... A well-wisher wipes lipstick from Boris Yeltsin's face after giving him a kiss on the campaign trail

Coming in from the cold war

Young Russians in Highgate have no fear of being caught in diplomatic cross-fire. Jonathan Steele reports

GRIGORY MIRZOYAN fondly remembers thumbing his nose at the top-floor front room of the quiet suburban house opposite the Soviet trade mission in Highgate as he and his chums fled out of the compound on the way to school a decade ago. "You could actually see the red light on the British spy camera in there — at least until they covered it with a black screen," he laughs. "It's probably still there."

For the privileged Soviet kids of the cold war, being watched was all part of a

game. Now it's over. Life is even more fun. His dad has moved into private business, and Grigory has enough money and time to hang out for large chunks of the day in La Brasserie in Highgate Village while officially enrolled in a business studies course at City University.

"He always comes up by car. You won't catch him walking," reports his friend Boris Bagrov (father used to work for Intourist) as he tinkers with his mobile phone and flicks through a British newspaper story with a round of tit-for-tat expulsions.

At least 500 Russians live in Highgate, the two young men estimate, and another 1,500 are down the hill in marginally less affluent Hampstead. Top that up with a further 60,000 elsewhere in Britain, and you have a total of Russian residents in Britain more than 20 times what it was in cold war days.

"Of course many of the Highgate ones only stay here for a month per year," says Grigory. "They have other places in Paris or New York." As London veterans, he and Boris are quick to point out

that they have little to do with the nouveaux riches, with their drug parties, bad manners, and heavy-handed efforts to tip the police when they are caught speeding.

"They have a reputation for spending lavishly, but I call it stupid rather than lavish."

"The two have one thing in common with the Russians they despise. There is no fear of being rounded up in any diplomatic cross-fire."

Down the road at the trade mission the mood is far less cheery. Under the eye of the security cameras (their own)

broken. "Presented by Wilkinson Sword in celebration of the Razor Blade Contract, 1972," it says.

"I wonder whether we'll be losing some customers," grins a barman at the Flask Tavern up the hill. "Actually," he adds, "they're very nice. Funny thing is they always go for Burton's. Someone must have told them what to order. 'One pint Burton,'" he mimics a Russian accent. "They call it beer."

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When Kenneth Baker tells us that the Government is doing a grand job, I am reminded of Ralph Waldo Emerson's line: "The louder he spoke of his honour, the faster we counted our spoons." Francis When

The new welfare state

But is Labour overreacting to a Tory agenda?

LABOUR is making a lot of noises about reform of the welfare state. But when it starts to translate those noises into policies — like Gordon Brown's proposal to redistribute child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds to help the less well-off — problems arise. This is for the inevitable reason that since Labour has banned extra spending, any policy which redistributes resources will inevitably produce vocal losers as well as winners. Yesterday Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, made a keynote lecture to the IPPR think tank which marks a radical redefinition of the concept of the welfare state. Labour believes that the huge cost of a state-funded cradle-to-grave concept of the welfare state requires radical re-appraisal which doesn't rely on a Crosslandite act of faith in economic growth to pay for it.

New Labour rejects the idea that the state must be sole provider in favour of government acting as the guarantor and regulator of all provision but the administrator of only some. People on social security will be treated as citizens not supplicants and the unemployed will be helped to move out of dependency and into work rather than becoming perpetual state pensioners on a scale which, it is argued, would have shocked the architects of the welfare state. One of Labour's priorities is to find a new definition of poverty to replace the popular one which includes anyone earning less than half of average earnings (an unhelpful definition making it statistically impossible to reduce poverty).

Mr Smith was at his most passionate in his plea for a Labour government to give a "helping hand" to the thousands of young people who drop out of sight when they leave school, to the prematurely retired and to the many others who have no anticipation of a real life-enhancing job. He argues that

the problem won't be solved by throwing money at it even if it were there. He will mark Labour's success by the speed at which the £90 billion social security budget diminishes as long as it is a consequence of moving people from benefit to work. This is evidence of the epic journey the Labour Party has made during the past decade in its approach to welfare from unfunded dreams to funded reality.

But is it going too fast in its redefinition of the role of the state? As policies come out over the next few weeks they will, of course, be crawled over by the Conservatives seizing on the consequences for those who lose out on any more equitable share-out of existing resources — the knee-jerk reaction that enabled John Major to claim that Gordon Brown's plan to redistribute money from the existing child benefit budget to students from lower income families would cost A-level students £560 a year. It is because Mr Major and his colleagues time and again (including yesterday in the Commons) peddle the claim that raising taxes is in Labour's blood that shadow ministers freeze even when asked whether the top rate of tax might be raised a bit. This makes Labour reluctant to say anything that might be costly. Yet this ignores the extent to which the financial problems of the welfare state are a function of Tory economic mismanagement. If Labour succeeds in moving people from welfare to work then it would generate funds for other purposes. Yet it dare not spend such funds in advance lest the Tory pocket calculators come out. All of this is a debate whose parameters have been set by the Conservatives. They have convinced many people of the need to reduce the role of the state while bequeathing a £32 billion budget deficit which makes it difficult for anyone to produce an instant elixir. This debate will run and run.

Still economical with the truth

The register of MPs interests is better. But not good enough

MEMBERS of Parliament have had to declare their outside interests for more than 20 years. But this worthwhile exercise has lately become an increasingly uninformative ritual, concealing almost as much as it reveals, and inadequate as a public mirror to the networks which influence our legislators. It is, of course, in the public interest to know that Bloggs MP is a director of Bloggs plc, or gets paid as a consultant to Bloggs UK. However until we know what Bloggs MP actually gets for his trouble such an exercise does not really tell anyone very much — which is why it has taken a crisis to change a system that suited MPs very nicely. This year, the first following the Nolan report, the details covered by the Register of Interests have therefore been much extended. MPs have been asked to give more detail about the services they perform as consultants and advisers and have been instructed to declare (within certain bands) the sums that are involved. So, does the latest report, published yesterday, now transform our knowledge and understanding?

Yes it does, but only up to a point. The new register is undoubtedly more informative than its predecessor. It gives us some important details about the financial interests of MPs, many of whom have conscientiously revealed what was asked of them. But the results are at once both fascinating and banal. It is useful to know that Brian Mawhinney gets a car from Rover or to read the list of organisations which fund Tony

Blair's office. It is intriguing to know that Douglas Hogg owns a hotel in Luzern or to learn how much Roy Hattersley earns from his journalism (much more than most journalists). Some will be scandalised by the tickets to Wimbledon, the air trips to exotic places (and Ireland), the ticket upgrades, the silver statuettes, the gift rugs and the shooting. Others will see a faintly Pooterish quality to the proudly recorded acceptance of Prison Officers Association hospitality at the TUC or the scrupulous confession that the local MP was given a pair of tickets by British Gas to an Elsteddod.

But the new system goes only so far. It is riddled with inconsistencies which make it impossible to use the register to make an accurate assessment of the importance of money in politics, either in individual cases or in general. There are still no figures attached to most of the categories in the register, so we can never learn the worth of MPs' directorships, other employment or shareholdings. Shareholdings of under £25,000 are not covered at all. Many Conservative MPs (and a few others) have exploited their continuing right to be niggardly with the *actualité*. The result is an inadequate form of accountability which in some ways is actively misleading. Under the new rules the dutiful MP can appear shifty for revealing everything while the shameless can still get away with saying virtually nothing. Both MPs and the public deserve something better than this.

Tit-for-tat is not inevitable

The best reaction to the spy expulsions is to do nothing

BRITISH DIPLOMATS were "tight-lipped" yesterday in King Charles Street as they waited for Malcolm Rifkind to decide whether to adopt "tit-for-tat" reprisals against Russia. Set spy pieces always bring out the worst — in language as well as morality. Michael Portillo called the scale of Moscow's reaction "unjustified"; he has been less ready to accept the principle of proportionality over Israel's bombardment of the Lebanon. But there is a higher code of conduct in the great spying game. Chuck out one of ours by all means, old chap, but don't overdo it. It was hard to tell yesterday whether the Russian counter-intelligence service was playing the game with Britain or with its own foreign ministry. By noon the plot had "thickened" (what else?) as senior Russian diplomats appeared to step back from the brink (whence else?). Their embassy in London betrayed its embarrassment with a

double negative: "there is no necessity to argue that such activity (by the British spies) is not acceptable." Foreign Office lips eased a fraction to murmur that the new Russian position was "noteworthy".

This is still a serious business but in the post cold-war age a less intimidated public may be forgiven for thinking otherwise. Last night we waited to see whether any British diplomats would actually be expelled, and if so whether Mr Rifkind would take reprisals. The concept of "tit-for-tat" — like that of an eye for an eye — is the easy but wrong path. In times past it was called seeking "a Roland for an Oliver". But this reference to Charlemagne's legendary nephew and his comrade-in-arms indicates a heroic sense wholly absent today. To shrug and do nothing would show a new sort of diplomatic maturity. It might even prompt a more open attitude and stop these silly games.



Letters to the Editor

Morris: a rich tapestry

DEYAN SUDJIC'S recurrent gripe with William Morris is that "his name is synonymous with both irrefragable nostalgia and a visionary utopianism" (Papering over the cracks, May 3). While the latter may be true (is this necessarily a fault?) Morris's utopianism was supported on the practical foundation of hard work: few were more prominent in espousing the socialist cause in the late 1880s. As for the former accusation — the "hopelessly romantic retreat into Pre-Raphaelite nostalgia, painting a picture of a vanished, medieval golden age" — such criticisms reveal a lack of familiarity with Morris's works.

Whilst holding the utmost respect for medieval art, Morris had a deep-rooted contempt for that which he referred to as "sham old", believing that quality of design and the respect for craftsmanship.

Sudjic's assertion that "his poetry goes unread" seems at odds with the successful reprinting programme of The William Morris Library, and Morris's prose, unmentioned in the article, has enthralled successive generations of readers. It would appear, however, that in making such unsubstantiated comments on Morris, Sudjic is referring merely to his own reading habits.

Paul Hardwick, Pre-Raphaelite Society, Care House, 15 Ogleforth, York YO1 2JG.

SO William Morris "can be seen as an inspiration for the Khmer Rouge" with Year Zero "a hideous echo of News from Nowhere". The "logic" behind this bizarre connection is that the Khmer

Rouge razed Phnom Penh while Morris "loved the countryside, loathed big cities." What Morris loathed was not urban life as such, but the squalor and ugliness of the new Victorian "Coke-towns". S C McFarlane, Tinkers Bridge, Milton Keynes MK6 5DA.

IN parodying Morris's views on industrial society, Sudjic reveals that his aim is not so much to debunk what he sees as the myth of Morris's greatness, but to construct another myth of Morris as a hopelessly naive romantic.

This is not the kind of obituary which should be written, but being rooted in history which made his contribution to the "socialist revival" of the 1880s of long-term value. It is his ability to see society clearly both as it was and as it could be, to articulate that hope, and to work for that change which induced the sense of shock felt amongst socialists after his death.

Robert Blatchford, writing in *The Clarion* on October 10, 1896, described the movement as "a thing stuck motionless" by the loss of its best man. "This is not the kind of obituary which the mediocre receive." E E Roberts, 6 Park Avenue, Hull HU5 3ER.

MORRIS is the most inspiring writer about British culture and society since Cobbett, with the same vision, passion and insight, and rooted in a similar reality — he designed and made things, he was a manufacturer and a businessman. He knew what he was talking about. He was entirely conscious

of the contradictions in his situation, believing that art would have to go under before it came up again. He wrote: "It does sometimes seem to me a strange thing indeed that a man should be driven to work with energy and even with pleasure and enthusiasm at work which he knows will serve no end but amusing himself. Am I doing nothing but make believe then, something like Louis XVI's clockmaking?"

Morris, the least egotistical of artists, would not have expected to appear on a postage stamp. In any case, for Britain today, Muffin the Mule will do nicely. David Page, Redenhall Cottage, Redenhall Road, Starton, Norfolk IP20 9NT.

DEYAN Sudjic reveals his ignorance by saying that Morris "loathed machines" and "was opposed in principle to machine production". In fact he welcomed the use of machines in supplying some of the materials for his firm and he wrote that in his communist England: "All work which it would be irksome to do by hand is done by machinery, and for all work which it is a pleasure to do by hand, machinery is done without."

It might have been helpful if Sudjic had told us what the exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum actually contains, but he said not a word about this. Could the Guardian now please give us a serious critical review of the exhibition? Roger Simon, Oakhill, Chester Avenue, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6NP.

Roman Catholics throw the prayer book at dissenters

MOST Catholics will disagree profoundly with almost everything Peter Stanford alleges (Storm in the cathedral, May 5). To talk about "interference from Rome" and to describe English Catholicism as "autonomous" is to betray a Protestant mentality which is quite incompatible with the Catholic faith.

Furthermore, terms such as "ultra-conservative" and "liberalisation", appropriate as they are to politics, are quite meaningless when applied to Catholicism, where one can only be right or wrong. As the church's teaching on "marriage, divorce, women priests, contraception and homosexuality" is, always has been and will continue to be right, any change would not be "liberalism"; it would be wrong. Daphne McLeod, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, 4 Fife Way, Gt Bookham Surrey KT23 3PH.

LIKE her founder, Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church is the same yesterday, today and forever. Her teachings on morals and faith can never change. However, their presentation can be poorly put across by faulty catechism and religious education. That is the disagreement which exists between some of the Catholic hierarchy and the laity.

Whilst being loyal members of the church, one does not have to show blind obedience to our bishops. Bishops can err as they did almost to a man in 18th-century England. Cardinal Hume's plea for obedience resembles totalitarianism rather than genuine Catholicism. Robert Williams, Y Garreg Lwyd, Bangor Is y Coed, Wrexham LL13 0BB.

PERHAPS the scale of the current problems in the Catholic Church of England was best illustrated in Peter Stanford's article by the recurrent use of terms such as "English Catholicism" and "the English Church." Most practising Catholics in this country still consider themselves Roman Catholics. We belong to the Roman Catholic Church. As its name suggests, that church is universal, not English. Maybe the late Archbishop Warlock, the current Archbishop of Westminster and

other liberal bishops failed to realise this. Paul Noone, 219B Crawford Street, London W1.

IT IS people like Peter Stanford who have "a personal agenda". Alice Thomas Ellis is not a "Judas" as reported: her language may be colourful and Liverpudlian, but she is one of the women faithful at the foot of the cross. Alan Bancroft, 26 Old Broadway, Withington, Manchester M20 3DF.

PETER Stanford refers to a visit "later this month" by Mother Angelica, the founder of Eternal Word Television Network, Alabama. In fact, the visit took place last Saturday, May 4 (The Feast of the Blessed Martyrs of England and Wales), when Mother Angelica addressed a conference in central London, attended by over 2,000 Catholics, in the presence of Cardinal Basil Hume, Michael Akerman, Faith of our Fathers, Crews Hill, Enfield, Midx EN2 9BB.

Get 'em young

WELL said, Vivien Stern (Let the ex-cons back in, May 2). Today we are locking up 857 so-called "young thugs" between the ages of 15 and 21. By presenting them with a balanced regime, which sets firm boundaries on unacceptable behaviour and offers them excellent opportunities for personal development, we achieve measurable improvements in both attitude and behaviour. These boundaries and opportunities are presented to our young offenders by staff whose care and professional-in-society should be deeply grateful for.

You out there have much to learn from us. Do not hide from your young people — they will penetrate the most expensive security systems. Get in amongst them and discover their fears, hopes and potential to change. Give them a chance. Chris Williams, Governor, HM Young Offender Institution and Remand Centre, Glen Parva, Tigers Road, Leicester LE24 2TN.

Criminal times

IN Kenya, mob justice on criminals caught red-handed is a demonstration of the public's disgust rather than indifference for the anti-social activities of these individuals (Mob violence stalks Kenya, May 2).

This is, however, not to suggest that the public is justifiably encouraged to react in this way. The country's leadership and the law enforcement agencies have continued to urge the public to exercise restraint and hand over suspects to the police. Even the criminals who dare commit these crimes dash for the protection of the nearest policeman or police station once their evil acts are discovered.

I believe your reporter must have been thinking of some other foreign country when he was talking about Kenya having daily reports of necklacing and hacking, because Kenyans do not do that. Mwaneyengela Ngali, Kenyan High Commissioner, 45 Portland Place, London W1N 4AS.

THE reference in your leader (May 7) to the most boring headline competition among Times sub-editors reminds me of a similar contest organised among news sub-editors on the Evening Gazette in Middlesbrough in the 1960s. We responded to the editor's request to tone down our headlines by striving to reduce each one to the utmost banality. At the end of a week I announced the winner: "He was an all-round sportsman" — which adorned the obituary of a former local cricketer.

After much investigation, we learned it was the work of our sports editor — and he has not even been aware of the competition. Chris Smith must clearly fight within the Labour Party to gain a promise of "full employment" as soon as possible.



Why journalists need therapy

THE assertion that anyone who "resorts to a shrink" must be "bonkers", daftly, squirrelly bananas, dippy, wacky, or looney, off the wall, in orbit... (Jackdaw, May 1) is extremely offensive both to the profession of psychotherapy and to the thousands of ordinary, normal people who seek a specialist service to help them improve the quality of their lives. The media have long had a love/hate relationship with psychotherapy founded, more

presumably on fear and superstition than on experience. Recently, there has been a great deal of media hysteria over a well-known psychotherapist who has, allegedly, seen an even better-known royal person. Why are journalists wagging war on psychotherapists and, worse, undermining the confidence of the public in this way? Philippa Seligman, 22 West Orchard Crescent, Handorf, Cardiff CF5 1AR.

Labour can make welfare work

CHRIS SMITH says (When the music stops, May 7): "Instead of consigning a large section of our society into near permanent condition of unemployment, we should be exerting every effort to help them through unemployment and into work." This is something with which the Liberal Democrats could cooperate. But Labour can only be taken seriously as an anti-Conservative party when they commit themselves to restoring income support for 16 and 17-year-olds with no other visible means of support. Lord Russell, Liberal Democrat Social Security Spokesman, House of Lords, London SW1A 0AA.

A Country Diary

WIGWIG: Through a ripple of inky clouds tinged with violet, the first full moon of the pagan new year swings high above Wenlock Edge. Under the wooded canopy of Shropshire's spine, the lane plunges into a ford across Harley Brook and up through the hamlet of Wigwig. In dark hedges, gardens and the remains of old orchards, the moon ignites a constellation of white flowers: blackthorn, cherry and pear. But what I've really come here to see is plum blossom: the wild moon on wild plums. It's a moment, a break in the clouds, when Nature springs beyond the earthbound. Each ghostly white flower is a moon set in the darkness of wooded hillsides under a midnight sky. To Basho, the great 17th century Japanese poet and diarist, the first lesson for the artist is to follow and be one with Nature; "Whatever such a mind sees is a flower, and whatever such a mind dreams of is the moon." The moon-blossom experience is such a lesson. Around Wigwig and the village of Homer, the wild plums indicate "squattings". At various times in history, people set up homes at the edge of parish boundaries, on unimproved land. People

without land rights, perhaps victims of enclosure, eked out a living from their gardens by the side of the deep narrow lanes. Around the gardens they planted wild plums for fruit to supplement their incomes. These trees send out suckers through the hedgerow, sustaining the future for the wild crop. Many of these old squattings are gone and old gardens and orchards have been sold off for building plots. In the moonlight the wild plum blossom forms a bridge between the outcasts of the past and those of today who want to live with the land at the margins of society. Basho's poem about a young shoot with beautiful flowers growing on an old plum tree may serve as an inspiration. PAUL EVANS

A copse, planted in memory of W O Campbell, the Guardian's Country Diary for more than 30 years, is to be opened on May 18 at 2.30pm. All readers are welcome to attend. Public donations have enabled the Charbury Society (01608-810452) to plant 250 trees and shrubs in a curve of the Mill Field, Charbury, overlooking the River Eveslode in Oxfordshire. Bill Campbell died on November 23, 1964, aged 69.

Handwritten signature: "John 201520"

Dirty Mathew Norman

In classic instance of the imitating art, an article about the X-Files the supernatural TV drama series, has itself fallen victim to watery, ineptible forces. The Sunday Times magazine sent Russell Miller to Vancouver, to ask David Duchovny (FBI special agent Mulder) to explain the series's amazing success. "It is obviously tapping into something people want," said Duchovny. "I think it has to do with religious stirrings, a sort of new-age yearning for an alternate reality. Couple that with a cynical, jaded, dispossessed feeling (having been lied to by the government...)"

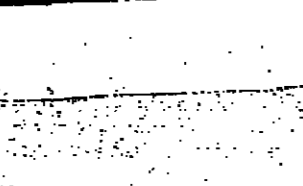
... He then adds with a wry smile: "It's either that, or the network has an amazing marketing department." Splendid stuff — and even better, in its way, than the quote Mr Duchovny gave the American magazine Entertainment Weekly back in September. "Obviously it's tapping into something the nation wants," he told interviewer Benjamin Svetkey. "I think it has to do with religious stirrings..." And so on, and so on, all the way to that "amazing marketing department". Mr Svetkey's version, although identical, is the better since Mr Duchovny paused and smiled slowly at him, whereas with Mr Svetkey he simply kept on talking. It's just so spooky.

... STILL with uncanny happenings in the Sunday Times, let us marvel again at the presence of Taki-George. On Sunday, the Cypriot hiring agent apologised for being wrong to deny that Johnny Bryn would kiss and tell, and then he was considering whether Fergie has as reported, employed New York PR Howard Rubinstein. The answer, he wrote, was that she has not, and that the story was no more than a publicity stunt. "A little bird tells me," he wrote, "that nothing has been agreed upon, and nothing has been signed." You can imagine the almost physical shock, then, on opening yesterday's Mail to find, on page 5, a document entitled "Statement from BHI The Duchess of York", upon the notepaper bearing the company name "Rubin Associates, Inc." How does he do it?

... THOSE cybernetic sleuths from TAIM (Truth and Accuracy in the Media) are on the diary's trail. This mysterious detective agency for journalists and bloggers, which claims Hollywood links, describes itself as a collection of "political leaders, artists and sports personalities" — and with the publicity-phobia so typical of such professions, it hides behind the anonymity of the Internet. There, it promises to reveal the founders' names one day, and concludes with the request that I send "a nice up-to-date photograph to our Hollywood address. It will save us utilising our photographer in London." But of course.

... N Tribune, Nyta Mann writes with wit about leaving the New Statesman (she was sacked by the new editor Ian Hargreaves). What she will miss least, she says, is being bullied by the Mandy Manderson mangle of New Labour cocky little chaps like Mandy's office boy Derek "Dolly" Draper. Ms Mann recalls sitting in a Brighton hotel with colleagues during last year's conference when Dolly approached. "You right winger," he said, by way of opening the conversation. "You f---in' c---." Inflamed by his own eloquence, he went on: "You better f---in' watch out. We're going to f---in' get you." Fans of political oratory will be pleased to learn that this (and several further minutes of the same) was all recorded on tape, and may well be released as a Christmas CD.

... WE began on a spooky note, and so we must end. A BBC reporter returning from Beirut relates an eerie sight. On each of the two news-stands in the airport, standing proudly besides the old magazines, and next to the copy of the Leeds United supporters' magazine for March. Is there no end to that poor city's suffering?



Who will pay when we're old and grey?

Commentary Francine Stock

MOST people have one — yet nobody wants to talk about what to do with it. Granny. Political parties in particular have kept taciturn silence on the costly iceberg of our ageing population. Mr Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell has ventured a range of schemes designed to spread the bills by encouraging older people to insure against their own infirmity. Before long, Labour too will be wrestling with the issue of the debts run up by a demographic bulge. The cat is out of the bag. After several years of murmuring, there is at last the beginnings of a debate, even though there are few votes in it.

... While childhood remains conveniently finite, ending some time between 16 and 18 depending on your persuasion, old age stretches out well beyond pensionable 60s. Its course and costs are uncertain. Planning for any individual's old age is always something of a bad joke, since nature has a way of disrupting the best-laid plans. But what is certain is that within a few years, far more of us will be reaching the grave end of the journey than will spring from the cradle.

... Today, for the 12 million aged 60 or more, there are 24 million in the 16-44 bracket. In 2026, when my young children are in their early 30s, Age Concern reckons there will be 17 million over 60, and just 21 million young adults. For them you can add to the cost of raising children the support of nearly one pensioner each.

... What we have today is a fundamental shift in the philosophy of the welfare state. Alongside the protestations that care for all is still on offer, John Major has stressed the importance of handing on wealth from generation to generation. It's now clear that the demographic monster around the corner will not allow us to have both.

... Some of Mr Dorrell's proposals would put the homes of the elderly at security for insurance premiums. Indeed, the idea of schemes is being sold away of keeping those homes safe. The Government has endorsed property as an alternative wealth creation. It proposes now to give some dividend from the party windfall of the 80s, 90s and 00s which gave many people access to capital for the first time. On paper at least, property inflation gave a proportion of today's millionaires wealth they had expected.

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Living on this land of ours



George Monbiot

SITTING in the lee of a flapping tarpaulin, coughing on sawdust and dandelion seed, is not the easiest situation in which to write a column. All around me, nails are being levered out of reclaimed timber, concrete rubble is being stacked into garden walls and unearthy sculptures are rising from the wastes. Every couple of minutes, a helicopter on its way down the Thames passes over our makeshift village.

... It's difficult, too, to pull myself back from my surroundings far enough to make sense of them. As both Guardian columnist and participant-observer and, I feel, a little fraudulent, as if I can't be true to both stations at once. But most taxing is the difficulty of relating the dynamics of the weird little settlement we have built on the land we occupied on Sunday to anything that lies beyond it.

... We have no rules, no rulers and no representatives. Every morning, anyone who wants to be heard chokes his or her request on a high command or none at all. This was followed by an extraordinary degree of Western intrusion into some of the most sacred areas of Russian military life — its nuclear technology and high-tech defence plants — all by government-to-government agreement.

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... after another has been presented to local people. On each occasion both they are — uncharacteristically — the council have rejected them. But, unless they have a serious ambition to buy and develop the site themselves, the planning process provides no room for their own ideas. They have been left, as a result, with bitterness and a sense of alienation and rejection. The new flats being built on the neighbouring sites, they complain, are too expensive. The prospect of yet another new supermarket here is even less appealing than leaving this land derelict.

... Trying simultaneously to restore both the land and the decision-making process that governs it is wildly ambitious, and not helped by tempers frayed by the exhaustion of months of frantic planning. But, even under these fraught circumstances, it seems to work, and no one has yet complained of being frozen out. Creative ideas — such as applying for a grant from the Guinness Housing Trust — emerge from people who have never been called on before.

... It is true, of course, that we've only been here for three days, and frustrations and factionalisation might take longer than that to emerge. But elsewhere in the world, decision-making like this has been taking place for centuries. The Turkana nomads of northern Kenya lead lives far more complicated than our own, sharing resources among people scattered across thousands of square miles. But, through constant negotiation, sitting in a circle and beating the matter out as equals rather than petitioners and representatives, they have sustained a viable economy and a fragile ecosystem since they arrived in the 18th century. In more fertile parts of Kenya, it took the British decades of imposed leadership to usurp and destroy consensus politics.

... IT IS an insult to our intelligence to insist, as Wandsworth Borough Council does, that decision-making about matters like this should be left entirely to our representatives. The disastrous developments which litter both sides of this part of the Thames are eloquent testimony to the inefficiency of representation. It is simply too blunt an instrument for tackling the diverse and hoary questions that planning throws up. A fraud has been perpetrated upon us. The powers that should have resided in our hands have been enclosed.

... It's impossible to say what will happen here, whether we will break up or be broken or stay on and make development work for us. But whatever happens to the land, none of us will ever be the same again. Having once tasted real participatory decision-making, nothing else will do.

Spies' message

What is behind Russia's diplomatic threats and how should Britain respond? Jonathan Steele urges cool heads, while Richard Norton-Taylor, now, reveals who is spying on whom anyway

WHEN Boris Yeltsin lifts his cloak and shows his dagger, he is clearly trying to send someone a signal. The question is who. That spying continues obvious enough. Even countries with a long history of friendly relations are not immune to Peeping Tommy, as the French government's expulsion of five CIA agents last year reminded us. That

Seekers-out of secrets

SOME years ago, at the height of the cold war, one of Her Majesty's secret agents recounted a small, but telling, anecdote. While in Moscow, he regularly took a trolley-bus from his flat to the British embassy. One day, not long after he had arrived, he was about to buy his ticket when the conductor said it had already been paid for. The British agent turned round to be greeted by a wink from what he presumed to be his KGB minder. Governments, even friendly governments, spy on each other and will continue to do so. Often, but not always, they know who on

also a British diplomat, described by the Russians as head of the Secret Intelligence Service station in Moscow, was quietly expelled. The news took more than a month to leak. Two Americans and one Israeli have also fallen foul of the Russian spy-catching machine without hitting the headlines.

If the Russians are trying to send a message to Britain by breaking the normal protocol this time, the best explanation, though slim, is that it is a delayed reaction to the report of Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee which was published in March. This quoted the head of covert intelligence activity against the UK by Russian intelligence services is once again on the increase. No figure was given

or implied. Stung, belatedly, by this charge, the Russians may be telling Britain that Moscow knows the UK is active in the same game. It is even going one better by giving the British ambassador a list of names. The signal to Britain ends there. Everything else suggests that the Federal Security Service (the Russian successor to the KGB) and its master Boris Yeltsin have a different and more important target for their message. Their worry is that the Russian military establishment is becoming increasingly restive. Many of its members are discreetly flirting with the party, hoping that a victory by Gennady Zyuganov in next month's presidential election would not only give them back lost pride but also a

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Cardinal Léon Joseph Suenens

Charismatic chaplaincy

IN SEPTEMBER 1992 Cardinal Léon Joseph Suenens, who has died aged 91, celebrated the 68th anniversary of his priestly ordination with a Mass in St Michael's Cathedral, Brussels. The 88-year-old preached with his usual gusto and stressed the two themes which had sustained him since his ordination in that same cathedral in 1927: to be a "witness to Christ and 'do this in memory of me'".

The first plume of his autobiography, also published in 1992, was called *Memories and Hopes*. Though it covers the period since he became auxiliary bishop in 1948, the narrative ends in 1961 when Pope John XXIII made Suenens Archbishop of Malines and a cardinal. This was the start of Suenens's international reputation.

The preparations for the Second Vatican Council were in their final stages. Most of the draft texts had been prepared by the Roman Curia; they were defensive-minded, anti-ecumenical, introverted, and did not correspond at all to what Pope John had in mind.

For Lent 1961 Suenens wrote a pastoral letter on his expectations of the Council. It caught Pope John's eye, and the Pope asked him to write a memo on what the Council should do and what it should not do. From then on Suenens played an increasingly decisive role in the preparation of the Council.

His main contribution was to make a distinction between the inner life of the Church and the Church in relation to the world. He did not deny that the Council should be concerned with such matters as ecumenism, collegiality, the complementary roles of the priest, religious and layperson. But he felt that if the Council were to concentrate exclusively on these questions, it would be a disappointment and an anticlimax.

Suenens wanted to open it out to broader issues such as the population explosion, the

developing world, peace and nuclear war. At one time he proposed a curiously named "corporariat for world problems" to keep these concerns before the Council; it was later (1967) given partial institutional shape in the International Commission for Justice and Peace.

But back in 1962 Suenens still had to wrest control of the Council from the Curia. His ideas and language began to be reflected in Pope John's speeches. They were marked by an optimism about the modern world and a sense that the Holy Spirit was still at work in the most diverse and unexpected ways.

With the blessing of Pope John, now mortally ill, and the aid of Cardinal Montini (the future Pope Paul VI), Suenens gradually secured control over the agenda of the Council. He was so closely linked with Pope John that he was chosen to present the encyclical letter, *Pacem in Terris*, to the UN on April 13, 1962. And when the Council reassembled in October 1962 under a new Pope, it was Suenens who presided homily on Pope John. Here was a man, he said, "who was surprisingly natural and at the same time supernatural. In him there was no dualism."

The same could be said of Suenens at his best. For the remaining years of the Council (1962-65) and subsequently, Suenens was commonly regarded as the spokesman for "liberal" causes in the Church. However the epithet was possibly misleading. Suenens was "liberal" in con-

trast to a narrow Roman manual theology whose moralism and legalism he constantly denounced. In the Catholic University of Louvain — of which he had been acting rector during the German occupation — he had a back-up team of highly competent theologians whom he frequently consulted.

In 1968 Suenens published a book, *Co-responsibility in The Church*, in which he tried to draw out some of the consequences of the Council. All in the people of God are potentially equal in grace, and this radical equality precedes later distinctions of hierarchical office.

It was an attempt at Christian "consciousness-raising" and it made Suenens many enemies in curial Rome. He was estranged from Paul VI, whose birth-control encyclical *Humanae Vitae* could be read as a denial of the "co-responsibility of the married" (though Suenens did not say so).

In 1969 he compounded his error by publishing a clamorous interview in *Le Monde* and other international newspapers. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the way the hopes of the Council were being dashed. He pinned part of the blame in the ingrained habits of the Roman Curia. He criticised the way Vatican diplomats acted as spies on the local churches. He proposed a new method of electing the Pope.

Suenens was accused of "making a bid for the papacy" though, if ever he had such ambitions, it was an odd way to go about realising them. And with his next book, *A New Pentecost?* (1974), Suenens disconcerted some of his admirers and sought new horizons. He became an advocate of the "charismatic movement". From then on reform was swallowed up in renewal.

But Suenens had not really changed. His old confidence in the Spirit at work in the world was simply transferred to this new movement. He knew that it had its dangers and excesses. He wanted, in

his own phrase, "to accompany it" to prevent it being divisive in the Church. In time, he hoped that "the charismatic movement" would cease to exist as a separate movement and flow into the life of the Church generally, just as the "biblical" and liturgical movements had renewed the whole Church.

Reconciled with Paul VI, Suenens became in effect the international chaplain of the Catholic charismatics. Responding to the charge that the charismatic movement took Christians away from social involvement, in 1978 he had meetings with Dom Helder Camara of Recife, Brazil, and

tried to build a bridge to liberation theology. After one year of the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, Suenens, aged 75, retired to Malines-Brussels in October 1979. Though his international reputation was secure, it was sometimes said that he "was the away matches but lost those at home."

This did not distress him; overmuch. He liked to quote the phrase someone used of his great predecessor — and model — Cardinal Desiré Mercier: "Here was someone who dared to concern himself, and with authority, with matters that were none of his business."

Thoroughly at home in English, with a range of reading unusual in a churchman and a faith that was both critical and serene, Suenens had charm. One of his favourite themes was that the Holy Spirit is the principle of surprise in the Church. He chose "in the Holy Spirit" as his episcopal motto. It is the key to his life, and an appropriate epitaph.

Cardinal Léon Joseph Suenens, born July 16, 1904; died May 6, 1996.

Mike Leander, who has died of cancer aged 54, will be remembered mainly for his contribution to the sound and persona of pantomime rock star Gary Glitter. As a songwriter and arranger, Leander was also an important contributor to the British pop scene for more than 20 years.

Born Michael Farr in East London, he played in a skiffle group at school and briefly studied law before joining a music publishing company in 1961. Two years later he became musical director at Decca Records, the company which, with EMI, then dominated the record industry.

At Decca he arranged and produced hits by Billy Fury, Lulu and Marianne Faithfull, whose records he decorated with oboes and harpsichords. "My hair wasn't very long, I didn't do drugs and I think I was viewed as reliable, dependable and respected for whatever musical skills I had," Leander says in his view of his role at the time.

With Andrew Loog Oldham, manager of Faithfull and the Rolling Stones, Leander composed the theme music for the cult television show *Ready Steady Go!* Meeting the set of the programme he met Paul Raven, the future Gary Glitter. At *Ready Steady Go!*,

Raven's job was to "warm up" the audience. Impressed with Raven's talent, Leander made him vocalist with the Mike Leander Orchestra, which toured with the Bachelors. Next he proposed Raven for the male lead in *Frantic!*, a film for which Leander wrote the score. However the producers and director Peter Watkins preferred the better known Paul Jones from the Manfred Mann group, and Jones's version of the lachrymose *I've Been A Bad Bad Boy* gave Leander his first hit as a songwriter in 1967.

He had further success with competent pop pieces like *Lady Godiva* (for Peter and Gordon) and *Early In The Morning* (Vanity Fair) before joining the newly established London office of MCA Records in 1968.

At MCA Leander produced hits for the New Zealand-born crooner John Rowles, recorded the London cast of *Godspell* and acted as executive producer on the album *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the most bizarre of the programmes he met Paul Raven, the future Gary Glitter. At *Ready Steady Go!*,



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the tune of *Amazing Grace* which was inspired by renowned squat at 144 Piccadilly, close to the MCA offices.

While the circumstances of the choice of Gary Glitter's name are relatively well known — among the rejected alternatives were Terry Thurst, Vicky Vonit and Tur Thurst — the originality of the Gary Glitter sound has been under-appreciated. Leander later recalled that he had been listening to the "black voodoo rock" of artists like Dr John as well as various African artists such as John Kongos. Leander booked time at the Mayfair Sound Studio in central London and told Raven: "we'll try this African thing, and see what we come up with."

What they came up with was a 14-minute piece built up from layers of drums and guitar parts, with hand-clapping, chanting and Gary Glitter calling out the key words "rock 'n' roll" and "hey" in response to the guitar riffs. The recording was split into sections and issued as *Rock 'n' Roll Parts 1 and 2* early in 1972. Mainstream radio ignored it but the track became a favourite in discotheques. Sales slowly increased and Leander and Glitter set about creating the famous *Beetle* outfit for Glitter's first live show, which took place at

Metsham Assembly Hall, Wilk, in July 1972.

With two drummers and two saxophones in the Glitter group which accompanied the singer, Leander successfully created a concert sound to equal that of the session of hit singles he co-wrote with Gary Glitter between 1972 and 1975. These brought him an Ivor Novello Award for songwriting, but in the late 1970s he took a break from the music business and moved with his family to Majorca.

Although Leander was credited with Gary Glitter for 1994 album *Boys Will Be Boys*, he devoted much of his energies in the 1980s to a musical based on the life of bullfighter El Cordobes, *Matador*. Italy just an album, was staged in the US, and in London in 1981, where it had vivid reviews and ran for four months.

Leander's most recent venture was as a producer of audiobooks but his lasting contribution to British pop culture is the Gary Glitter sound the "African thing" created in an all-night recording session in 1972.

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Albert Meltzer

Anarchy's torchbearer

ALBERT Meltzer, who has died aged 76, was a torchbearer for the international anarchist movement. His 60-year commitment survived the collapse of the Spanish revolution, the civil war and the second world war. He fuelled the libertarian impulses of the 1960s and 1970s and steered it through the reactionary challenges of the 1980s and 1990s.

A lifelong trade unionist he fought Mosley's blackshirts; actively supported the Spanish revolution's anarchist communes and militias and the German anti-Nazi resistance and was a key player in the second world war. Cairo Muttiny. Postwar he helped rebuild Spain's anti-Franco resistance and the international anarchist movement. His achievements include Cuddon's *Cosmopolitan Review*, a satirical magazine first published in 1962, and the founding of the Anarchist Black Cross, a prisoners' aid and ginger group — and the subsequent paper *Black Flag*. Perhaps his most enduring legacy is Britain's most comprehensive anarchist archive, the Kate Sharpley Library.

Born into the London of Orwell's *Down and Out*, Albert's decision, aged 15, to go into revolutionary politics resulted, he claimed, from boxing lessons. That "common" sport was frowned upon by the governors of his Edmonton school and the local Labour candidate, Dr Edith Summerskill. Perhaps it was his boxers' legs which later enabled him to bear his considerable bulk. Boxing certainly made him a shrewd judge of opponents' strengths and weaknesses. The streetwise but bookish schoolboy attended his first anarchist meeting in 1935 — where he defended boxing against Emma Goldman. He became a dynamic participant at meetings.

The anarchist resistance to the 1936 Franco uprising in Spain boosted British anarchism. Albert helped to organise arms shipments from Hamburg to Spain and acted as a contact for the Spanish anarchist intelligence service.

His early career was as a fairground promoter, theatre hand and occasional extra. He appeared as an anarchist prisoner in Leslie Howard's anti-Nazi *Pimpernel Smith*, after Howard insisted that real anarchists be used. Later Albert was a secondhand bookseller and, finally, a Fleet Street copywriter — for the *Daily Telegraph*.

While a gentle, generous and gracious soul, his championship of anarchism as a revolutionary working class

movement led to conflict with the neo-liberals who omitted the movement to the late 1940s. Many otherwise politically incompatible people were drawn to anarchism because of its militant tolerance. Albert was the only one to oppose the re-packaging of anarchism as a broad church for academic oriented quietists and student issue pressure groups. It is his championship of class struggle anarchism, couched with his scepticism about the student-led New Left in the 1960s, which earned Albert his reputation as a sectarian.

Paradoxically, as friend and *Black Flag* cartoonist Phil Ruff points out in his introduction to Albert's autobiography, *I Couldn't Pair Golden Angels*, it was the di-

covery of class struggle anarchism through the "sectarianism" of *Black Flag* under Albert's editorship that convinced many anarchists of his and subsequent generations to become active. It brought countless young people into the anarchist movement then, and for a further 30 years until his stroke last month.

Albert Meltzer was an inscrutinably private man. He often seemed like a member of a top-of-war team; you never quite knew if he was there to make up numbers or as the anchor of the operation. To Albert, all privilege was the enemy of freedom, not just the privilege of capitalists, big bureaucrats and politicians but also the petty aspirations of opportunists among the rebels themselves.

Albert's pungent autobiography pulled no punches, and was a Schvejkian account of an enemy of humbug and injustice. Its author will be fondly remembered by those of us whose lives he touched.

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Mike Leander... a talent for sound PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIC WILKINS

Mike Leander

Inventing all that glitters...

MIKE Leander, who has died of cancer aged 54, will be remembered mainly for his contribution to the sound and persona of pantomime rock star Gary Glitter. As a songwriter and arranger, Leander was also an important contributor to the British pop scene for more than 20 years.

Born Michael Farr in East London, he played in a skiffle group at school and briefly studied law before joining a music publishing company in 1961. Two years later he became musical director at Decca Records, the company which, with EMI, then dominated the record industry.

At Decca he arranged and produced hits by Billy Fury, Lulu and Marianne Faithfull, whose records he decorated with oboes and harpsichords. "My hair wasn't very long, I didn't do drugs and I think I was viewed as reliable, dependable and respected for whatever musical skills I had," Leander says in his view of his role at the time.

With Andrew Loog Oldham, manager of Faithfull and the Rolling Stones, Leander composed the theme music for the cult television show *Ready Steady Go!* Meeting the set of the programme he met Paul Raven, the future Gary Glitter. At *Ready Steady Go!*,

Raven's job was to "warm up" the audience. Impressed with Raven's talent, Leander made him vocalist with the Mike Leander Orchestra, which toured with the Bachelors. Next he proposed Raven for the male lead in *Frantic!*, a film for which Leander wrote the score. However the producers and director Peter Watkins preferred the better known Paul Jones from the Manfred Mann group, and Jones's version of the lachrymose *I've Been A Bad Bad Boy* gave Leander his first hit as a songwriter in 1967.

He had further success with competent pop pieces like *Lady Godiva* (for Peter and Gordon) and *Early In The Morning* (Vanity Fair) before joining the newly established London office of MCA Records in 1968.

At MCA Leander produced hits for the New Zealand-born crooner John Rowles, recorded the London cast of *Godspell* and acted as executive producer on the album *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the most bizarre of the programmes he met Paul Raven, the future Gary Glitter. At *Ready Steady Go!*,

the tune of *Amazing Grace* which was inspired by renowned squat at 144 Piccadilly, close to the MCA offices.

While the circumstances of the choice of Gary Glitter's name are relatively well known — among the rejected alternatives were Terry Thurst, Vicky Vonit and Tur Thurst — the originality of the Gary Glitter sound has been under-appreciated. Leander later recalled that he had been listening to the "black voodoo rock" of artists like Dr John as well as various African artists such as John Kongos. Leander booked time at the Mayfair Sound Studio in central London and told Raven: "we'll try this African thing, and see what we come up with."

What they came up with was a 14-minute piece built up from layers of drums and guitar parts, with hand-clapping, chanting and Gary Glitter calling out the key words "rock 'n' roll" and "hey" in response to the guitar riffs. The recording was split into sections and issued as *Rock 'n' Roll Parts 1 and 2* early in 1972. Mainstream radio ignored it but the track became a favourite in discotheques. Sales slowly increased and Leander and Glitter set about creating the famous *Beetle* outfit for Glitter's first live show, which took place at

Metsham Assembly Hall, Wilk, in July 1972.

With two drummers and two saxophones in the Glitter group which accompanied the singer, Leander successfully created a concert sound to equal that of the session of hit singles he co-wrote with Gary Glitter between 1972 and 1975. These brought him an Ivor Novello Award for songwriting, but in the late 1970s he took a break from the music business and moved with his family to Majorca.

Although Leander was credited with Gary Glitter for 1994 album *Boys Will Be Boys*, he devoted much of his energies in the 1980s to a musical based on the life of bullfighter El Cordobes, *Matador*. Italy just an album, was staged in the US, and in London in 1981, where it had vivid reviews and ran for four months.

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Jackdaw



Get Laid

Ross Jeffries calls himself the "Mighty, Flawless, Incomparable Guru of Speed Seduction." He claims he can teach a man how to get a woman into bed within 10 minutes of meeting her, pupils pay up to \$3,000 for his sex seminars. He has 40,000 followers and is the author of *How to Get Your Girlfriend*, *Wife, or Date in Blow: You and How to Get Strippers and Other Erotic Professionals in Bed*. Jackdaw picks out a few of his supposedly successful techniques from an article on the sex master in *Marie Claire*.

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Fielders... Dutch farmworkers near Biddinghuizen check their tulips for colour defects so problems for the bulb export trade can be nipped in the bud PHOTOGRAPH: JACOB MELISSER

Government unplugged

£1.73bn US bid for Midlands

Simon Beavis
Industrial Editor

GOVERNMENT disarray over Britain's electricity industry looked set to intensify last night as the City braced itself for a new wave of foreign takeovers in the wake of the agreed £1.73 billion bid for Midlands Electricity from two US utilities. The bid for

mediately pledged that jobs would not be cut as a direct result of the bid. MEB has cut 1,200 jobs in the past three years, realising annual savings of £30 million. The bid — pitched at 440p a share — is the latest in a series of incursions into the UK electricity market by US firms who have taken over two regional companies. The two US groups consolidated the move by snatching up an estimated 15 per cent of Midlands shares by last night. This puts them behind PowerGen, the generator blocked from buying MEB by the Government, which is still sitting on 20 per cent of the company's shares and a profit of over £70 million. But their bid immediately

provoked calls from Labour and the unions for the Government to clarify its policy on takeovers in the privatised electricity sector following last week's surprise announcement that it was maintaining a golden share in the two main generators in a move widely seen as an attempt to halt foreign predators. Labour's energy spokesman John Battle said: "At the moment the Government is doing nothing but spreading confusion in this sector. They should make the policy clear and they should ensure that they begin to put the interests of consumers first." Mike Jeram, head of electricity at the public services union Unison, said: "It is

about time this Government got a grip on the takeover frenzy in the electricity industry. If Avon is successful it will mean that nearly 25 per cent of Britain's electricity industry will be in American hands. MEB is offering 440p a share and a special dividend of 20p a share. MEB chairman Bryan Townsend, who is sitting on shares worth £400,000 under the terms of the offer, is set to leave the company but other senior directors will stay — including chief executive Mike Hughes. Mr Townsend welcomed the offer saying it was "very much business as usual." Southern Electric was heading the list of bid targets

after the MEB offer was unveiled, closely followed by London, Yorkshire and East Midlands, with Northern behind the field because of its heavy indebtedness. All saw their shares move up as the City prepared itself for the next instalment of power bidding. SWEB has already fallen into the hands of the Southern Company of Atlanta, Georgia, the group which provoked the Government action on golden shares by expressing an interest in turning its fire on National Power. Seeboard is now controlled by Central South Western, the US firm which, with fellow US utility Houston, had launched an unsuccessful bid for Norweb.

Notebook

More than just beef at stake



Edited by Mark Milner

THE world is seldom free from incipient trade disputes. Just now, however, there seem to be more than usual.

The European Union is cross with the US over the prospect of sanctions on non-US firms trading with Iran and Libya. It is disappointed by the American attitude over telecommunications. China is showing signs of using trade as an extension of diplomacy — threatening US firms with exclusion unless there is less talk of human rights.

At home the EU is still struggling to reach a deal on the domestic electricity market, there are mutterings about the extent to which US firms are colonising the British electricity sector — this at a time when, for example, Britain's success in contemplating a merger with America's Varsity Corporation.

Perhaps the most worrying of all the disputes, however, is that between Britain and its EU partners over the ban on British beef.

Even taken in isolation, the issue would have been difficult to resolve. In the event it seems to have served as a focus for a hysterical outbreak of Euro-scepticism in which Britain's entire relationship with the EU has been called into question.

It was refreshing, therefore, to hear Unilever chairman Sir Michael Perry attempt yesterday to restore a degree of objectivity to the debate when he noted that the problems and the solutions to the "mad cow" affair lie nearer to home than Brussels.

He is right, too, to warn of the risks of the row over BSE and bans to poison the development of Britain's relations with the rest of the EU. Banging the table, or even threatening to leave it, over beef is hardly likely to get the ban lifted quickly.

Even if it were, the perception that European politicians had bowed to threats would be unlikely to resolve the crisis of consumer confidence.

Morton's bond

EUROTUNNEL'S long-suffering bankers are increasingly impatient about the time it is taking to reschedule the project's £8 billion borrowings. Talks have been continuing ever since Eurotunnel's £2 million-a-day interest rate payments were suspended six months ago. Yet only now have banks been able to agree on the basics of what will be the world's biggest financial restructuring programme.

A straight debt-for-equity swap has proved hard to achieve. Eurotunnel's chairman, Sir Alastair Morton, has

resolutely opposed the idea because it would erode the rights of existing shareholders. On the other hand, a languishing share price has meant that any meaningful swap deal would effectively hand the company to the banks. Nor are the banks likely to be sympathetic towards the kind of debt write-offs proposed by small shareholders.

The bare bones of a refinancing deal do now, however, appear to be emerging. Instead of a straight equity swap, however, it will be partly based on converting debt into low coupon convertible bonds.

For Eurotunnel, this offers the advantage of reducing its debt mountain as well as providing a long term method of cutting its unsustainable high financing costs. In return, the bond would be structured in such a way that banks were compensated for receiving lower than market interest rates through extra equity added to the value of the bond on a rolling basis.

The instrument would be tradeable on the debt markets and could be converted into equity when market conditions became more favourable.

Proposals have yet to be put to the Eurotunnel board but it might be well advised to look favourably at the bond scheme. No doubt there will be difficulties. Anything involving 236 banks and Sir Alastair is going to be uphill. But, in principle, it looks to offer a basis for compromise and may be the last chance for Eurotunnel to secure its future.

Just for once, there may be light at the end of the tunnel which is not a train coming the other way.

Post-poll plans

IT IS a mark of the tiredness of Tory thinking that when the party is stuck in the doldrums it turns with unquestioning vigour to ideas that deserve to remain at the bottom of the barrel.

In other words: when in doubt, roll out Post Office privatisation.

The last time the formula was tried by the Government was when Emma Nicholson defected to the Liberal Democrats earlier in the year. Then John Major, no less, immediately reintroduced the hugely unpopular sale of the Post Office as a way of showing that he remained on the leading edge of political innovation.

So, with a drubbing in the local elections behind it, the Government has given the issue another run out. Ministers appear to agree that they can win round the disident can-benchers who forced them to abandon the sell-off nearly two years ago. They want to have a fresh go after the election. Not only that, but they want to privatise all parts of the Post Office including Counters, which they believe will be a more palatable offering than the sale of the Post Office as a way of showing that he remained on the leading edge of political innovation.

The danger for the party is that what it could once claim to be economic radicalism is now widely come to be seen as myopia.

'Go-quietly' deal for Woolwich chief

Patrick Donovan
City Editor

THE disgraced former chief executive of the Woolwich Building Society, Peter Robinson, will be spared further action over his "irregular" expense claims if he agrees to drop any claim for severance pay — which could amount to as much as £300,000. Woolwich directors are drawing up the "go-quietly"

agreement as its professional advisers prepare to hand over a comprehensive dossier on the allegations against Mr Robinson to his lawyers. It emerged yesterday.

Mr Robinson quit the company abruptly last month amid allegations that he had made a series of irregular expenses claims.

He also faced charges surrounding the use of company cars and the use of society employees for work carried out in his home and gardens.

The Woolwich is expected to use the document, which has been drawn up after exhaustive investigation by lawyers Linklaters and accountants Peat Marwick, to impress upon Mr Robinson that the case against him is well founded.

The society has privately decided that there is no possible case for paying Mr Robinson any financial compensation although he was on a 12-month service contract and earned an annual salary of

£300,000. However, the society has decided not to demand the return of the disputed expenses if it can agree a prompt settlement over his departure.

Many of the disputed expense payments represent a "grey area" which means the financial liability would be difficult to quantify.

Meanwhile, acting chief executive Donald Kirkham yesterday said that media reports about Mr Robinson's resignation had been "pretty

much near the truth. Mr Robinson's departure was really brought about by a loss of trust and confidence on the part of the society's board. The allegations are relatively minor in terms of money, but major in terms of trust and confidence."

The Woolwich is compiling a shortlist for a new chief executive officer and expects to announce its next chief financial officer this week.

The controversy has fuelled a wave of take-over speculation around the Woolwich. Both the Prudential and the Royal Bank of Scotland are thought to be interested in acquiring the building society.

Eurotunnel's bankers create lifesaving bond

Patrick Donovan
and Paul Webster in Paris

PLANS to restructure Eurotunnel's £8 billion debt with an innovative convertible bond are at the heart of the financial package being put together by the company's 236 banks. The plan, backed up by other financial instruments, would involve swapping part of the company's debt into a "low coupon convertible bond". This would offer Eurotunnel, which was six months ago forced to request a freeze on its £2 million-a-day interest payments, a longer term way of reducing its debts.

In return for agreeing a lower than market return on their lending, banks would be compensated by corresponding amounts of the equity being converted into bonds on a rolling basis. The resulting bonds would be tradeable. But debt specialists yesterday pointed out that Eurotunnel debt was already trading at around 80p in the £1.73-billion bond sale. The news emerged amid suggestions that the banks would be in a position to agree an outline plan for the refinancing package by the end of the week. But sources close to the bankers warned that final resolution was quite some time off.

The source added that although convertible bonds were likely to play an important part in the refinancing, other proposals could include the direct conversion of debt for equity and convertible bonds. The agreement is expected also to feature a "revenue bond", whereby the banks would be entitled to take part of Eurotunnel's revenues.

Meanwhile, hundreds of French Eurotunnel shareholders will go by train from Paris to the Calais terminal today to protest against bank plans to turn their debts into stock.

Two associations defending small shareholders' interests expect to be joined by protesters from other countries, including Britain, in the hope of stopping a move which could cause another sharp drop in Eurotunnel values. The protesters will march to the Eurotunnel information office where they expect to meet government representatives.

If the two French associations do not get satisfaction, they will take legal action against the financial institutions later in the year.

Eurotunnel's co-chairman, Patrick Fosson, said yesterday that he considered the exchange of the debt for shares as unfair, and they would not receive the company's support.

Norris banned over Barings failure

High-flying former chief executive kicked out of regulated investment industry for three years. Patrick Donovan reports

FORMER high-flying Barings director Peter Norris has been banned from working as a director in the regulated investment industry for at least three years by the Securities and Futures Authority after admitting that he shared responsibility for last year's collapse of the City's oldest investment bank.

Mr Norris, who was the chief executive officer of Barings Investment Bank, will also pay £10,000 in costs to the SFA which took the action against him as part of its inquiry into why

top directors failed to prevent the collapse of Barings. Nick Leeson building up hundreds of millions of pounds worth of disastrous derivative deals.

He is the first of nine of the bank's former directors to be disciplined by the SFA over the Barings affair. Several of them, including Mr Leeson's direct superior, Ron Baker, are now contesting the findings of the SFA investigation.

The SFA said yesterday: "Mr Norris has acknowledged that, by virtue of his position, he shares responsibility for the circumstances which led to the collapse of Barings."

The SFA added that Mr Norris also accepted that he failed to act with due skill, care and diligence during



the period between January 25 and February 24 1995 with regard to the level of (trading) positions reportedly held by Barings in its switching business on SIMEX (the Singapore-based exchange) and the Japanese exchange."

Mr Norris also admitted that he failed to act properly over the discovery of an unreconciled £50 million trade in January 1995, known as the "SLK Receivable".

Mr Ron Baker is understood to be in the process of contesting the SFA's findings over his role in the collapse of Barings.

Mr Baker, the former head of Barings' financial products group, is due to hand a formal statement to the SFA, refuting all charges against him.

New car sales hit two-year high

Simon Beavis
Industrial Editor

GOVERNMENT hopes that April's tax cuts would bolster consumer confidence appeared to have been met yesterday when it emerged that sales of new cars rose by more than 17 per cent last month to record their biggest increase in two years.

According to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, sales of new cars totalled 162,218 in April, an

increase of 17.14 per cent on the same month last year. More significantly, sales to individual buyers were up by just under 16 per cent, indicating that consumers are returning to the showrooms. Although car sales had managed to rise gradually this year, it had been sales to company car fleets that had accounted for all of the growth to date.

April's sharp increase means that car sales for the first four months now total 633,697, up by 4.45 per cent on the same period of 1995.

Neil Marshall, policy director of the Retail Motor Industry Federation, said that private buyers held the key to recovery in the car market. The biggest jump in sales to individuals for over two years was evidence that "the feel-good factor may well be coming back."

He said: "The combination of tax cuts and good news in the housing market may be kicking this marketplace into gear, which I'm sure the politicians will seize upon."

One worrying aspect to the figures was that imported cars continue to grab a growing share of the UK market, taking 61.3 per cent in April. There were also signs that recent strong growth in the sale of new trucks and vans is petering out with commercial vehicle sales up by less than 1 per cent to 21,897.

Ernie Thompson, SMMT chief executive, said the figures disproved recent criticism of the industry for overcharging.

"The outstanding value of today's new cars should encourage increasing sales," he said.

'Merge MMC' call attacked

Sarah Ryle

BUSINESS leaders last night criticised the Labour Party's calls for a unified Office of Fair Trading and Monopolies & Mergers Commission as hostile to industry, further fuelling the row over how to safeguard competition.

The Confederation of British Industry recommended that the current system of two separate bodies should continue, setting out its proposals in an official response to the Government's investigation into competition policy reform.

Both the Labour Party and the former director-general of fair trading, Sir Bryan Carberg, have backed a merger of the two authorities.

The CBI said it firmly believed in the separation of the powers of adjudication and prosecution represented by the two bodies. But it recommended beefing up the OFT as a new Competition Authority to do the investigatory work now shared with the MMC.

The MMC would be renamed the Competition Commission and would be headed by the equivalent of a High Court judge who would review decisions of the OFT. Labour's call for a public interest clause to be introduced into merger investigations, requiring firms to prove the public benefit of a proposed acquisition, was also criticised by the CBI in a summary of its own proposals.

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

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| Austria 13.87 | Germany 2,275 | Netherlands 2.49 | South Africa 6,450 |
| Belgium 45.73 | Greece 358.00 | New Zealand 2,1950 | Spain 185.75 |
| Canada 2.01 | Hong Kong 11.37 | Norway 2.83 | Sweden 10.18 |
| Cyprus 0.695 | India 51.75 | Portugal 230.00 | Switzerland 1,075 |
| Denmark 8.53 | Ireland 0.5375 | Switzerland 1,075 | Turkey 109,976 |
| Finland 7.19 | Israel 4.92 | Saudi Arabia 5.62 | USA 1,4750 |

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Racing

Baroque win gives House stylish boost

Chris Hawkes

PETER Chapple-Hyam on the Epsom Derby with his first runner in the race, Dr Derous, and judging by the victory of High Baroque in yesterday's Chester Vase seems to hold a very strong hand for next month's premier Classic.

Possibly Chapple-Hyam has erred in not entering High Baroque for Epsom and the jokingly admitted he might have made a "cock-up" but it is not hard to deduce why he is so willing to hold up his hands.

High Baroque is number four in the Marton betting order which is headed by Nash House, Astor Place and Heron Island. Legal Right, who won yesterday's Grosvener Stakes, comes in at number five.

"High Baroque is lazier than me at the moment," said Chapple-Hyam. "But Nash House is the boy - he's the one with the class and the turn of foot. He's not guaranteed to stay a mile and a half but he works at home, I think he will."

Bookmakers have been aware of the reputation of Nash House, a son of Nashwan, for some time. He has contracted rapidly from 16-1

to 5-1 joint favourite with Mark Of Esteem and Even Top in Hill's book following the eclipse of the early ante-post front-runners.

This may seem a crazy price about a Newbury maiden winner but all will be revealed next week when the colt runs in the Dante Stakes at York.

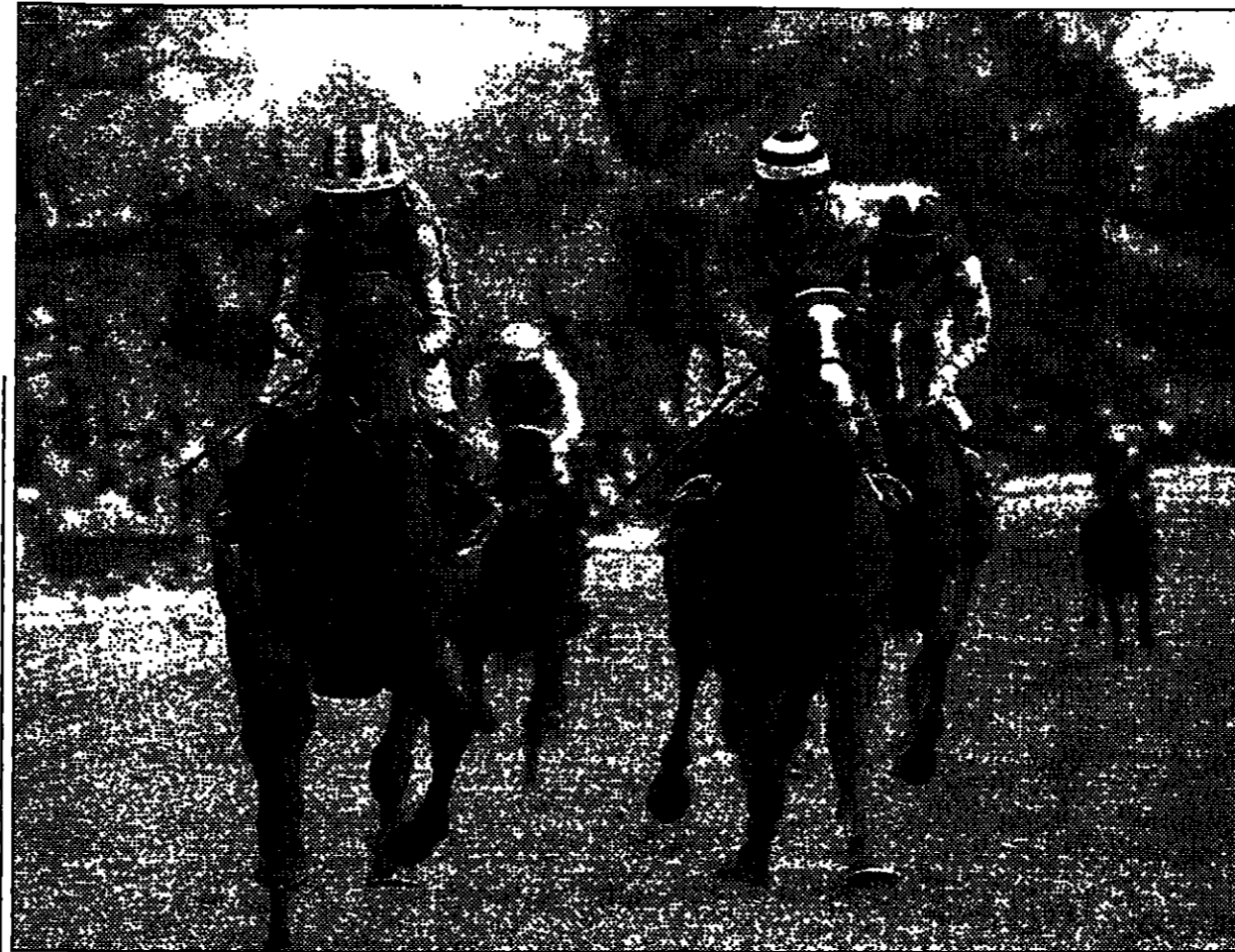
Astor Place, a 20-1 chance for Epsom, will also run at the meeting, in the Michael Seely Stakes, while Heron Island, quoted at 25-1, is due to be tested in Saturday's Lingfield Derby Trial.

High Baroque was hard ridden to come from last to first to take the Vase which exposed the favourite Air Quest, a full-brother to Derby winner Quest For Fame, as lacking the necessary pace and adaptability for Epsom.

Pat Eddery summed up a disappointing effort, which saw Air Quest struggle home, by saying: "He didn't handle the track and kept changing his legs."

John Dunlop's St Mawes was beaten just over a length in second and may have another run in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood before any decision is made about Epsom.

High Baroque, who is owned in partnership by Michael Tabor and Robert



High note... High Baroque (left) has the measure of St Mawes in yesterday's Chester Vase. PHOTOGRAPH: ANDREW PRICE

Sangster, is not entered for any Derby, but may be supplemented for the French and Irish versions.

Sangster had earlier dismissed the idea of a "wild card" entry for the Derby, something which has been mooted as a possible future development, suggesting that owners who lacked the cour-

age to enter their horses did not deserve to have their blushes saved. But he was not so sure after High Baroque's win.

Tabor, who also owns the 2,000 Guineas failure Danehill Dancer, had just returned from Louisville where he had seen his two runners finish well down the field in the

Kentucky Derby. "I can't believe Danehill Dancer was so far behind those three on the stands rails in the Guineas," he said. "I reckon he must have been racing on much slower ground in the middle of the track but I've only seen the race on television."

Mark Johnston, trainer of the 2,000 Guineas third, Bijou

d'Inde, is almost as mystified by the fact that neither Mark Of Esteem nor Even Top will be going for the Irish Guineas.

"I can't understand it. They seem to be leaving it for me," said Johnston. "Bijou d'Inde has come out of the race well and definitely goes to Ireland."

Ayr runners and riders

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Chester with TV form

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Chepstow National Hunt programme

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Crest to come out top in Cup

FUJIYAMA CREST and Frankie Dettori look a formidable partnership in the Tote Chester Cup today, writes Ron Cox.

A promising run at Ripon will have put Michael Stoute's progressive stayer just right for this, his first major objective of the season.

Stoute appears to have greater things in mind for the four-year-old, whom he has entered in next month's Ascot Cup. In the meantime Fujiyama Crest (3.40) can show he is a step ahead of the handicapper by accounting for Tringlet and Seasonal Splendour.

Wetherby (N.H.) card tonight

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Soccer

Venables to cap Anderton's run

David Lacey

ARREN Anderton, easily the most successful England newcomer under Terry Venables, is poised to make a late run for a place in the European Championship team...

Cup final, a number of mid-field players will be kept in suspense until Venables decides on the 25 he wants to take to Beijing. But unless Anderton breaks down again or fails to regain his old pace...

provided Venables passes Beijing's Workers Stadium pitch fit when he has another look at it today. With Gary Pallister and Gareth Southgate able to return to the defences of Manchester United and Aston Villa...

Liverpool face getting nothing for Thomas

Ian Ross

LIVERPOOL are likely to get nothing in return for their £15 million investment in Michael Thomas as he appears to be headed abroad when his contract runs out at the end of June...

Because of the changes in the European transfer market Trapattini will not be required to talk to Liverpool — he simply has to wait for Thomas to become a free agent in seven weeks' time...

the threat of a second players' strike following the one in March and means that Sunday's first round of Serie A matches will go ahead as scheduled. First division sides will be able to field an unlimited number of players from EU countries...

McGhee frees 11 Wolves

MARK MCGHEE began a clear-out at Wolves yesterday, releasing 11 players, including three full internationals, transfer-listed three others and warned seven or eight more that their attitude and fitness must be improved before the start of next season...

Two midfielders who have held down first-team places at Wolves, Robbie Denison and Robbie Denison — have also been released. McGhee has also transferred Mark Venus, Mark Rankine and Paul Jones...

tanbul club said yesterday that his contract will not be renewed. Galatasaray will replace Souness with Fatih Terim, who intends standing down as the Turkish national team manager after the European Championship finals this summer...

RUGBY: BATH AND WIGAN MAKE HISTORY AT MAINE ROAD



Mettle against metal... Wigan's front row test the scrum machine, watched by their coach Nigel Horton, left, and captain Shaun Edwards

A two-code summit at last

Frank Keating meets Ray French, who fears the worst for Bath, and Mike Slemen, who has a brighter state-of-the-union message

THE CRACKING of the codes becomes official at Manchester this evening when the end of rugby's 100 years' war is celebrated with the meeting of England's respective champions, Bath and Wigan, under rugby league rules...

and stepped in rugby league, so what might the score be against players who've never played the same before? Even if Bath get it half right, it will not be a pretty sight...

painfully disorienting at Twickenham," Slemen predicts. "When they're going into rucks and mauls and getting hit when they haven't got the ball, Wigan will also struggle in the line-outs, with no big men and no practised defence against a catch, drive and eight-man rolling maul."

Bath will be absolutely slaughtered," predicts Ray French, one of the century's extremely rare breed to win international caps at both codes. "I don't think any in the rugby union fraternity realise the power and the pace of the league game but Bath will find out soon enough..."

In the years the league had always rated rugby union as soft as butter and their own game as hard as granite. Some of the Wigan players believed all that stuff before their first practice match against Orrell, and after about 10 minutes into the game you could see they were getting the shock of their lives...

French feels that rugby league already respects Bath simply for accepting the challenge. "Guys like Jon Callard, Mike Catt and Phil de Glanville are true sportsmen for wanting to test themselves against the very best," he said. "That's why none of us can understand why Jeremy Guscott cried off. Surely in any top sport you want to find out how good you really are..."

Both Slemen and French are agreed, however, about the event's cultural significance. "When I first started playing union there was no hope of a reconciliation between the codes," said Slemen. "At the end of both matches I guarantee there will be a fraternal show of respect from each side for the other's code," said French, "from players and fans alike. Even the union's media might think twice about looking down their noses at rugby league again."

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Basketball

SEA PLAYERS Western Conf. Seattle Superstars 105 Houston Comets (lead series 2-0)

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE New York Yankees 10 Kansas City Royals 7 Oakland Athletics 5 Seattle Mariners 4 NATIONAL LEAGUE Los Angeles 6 St. Louis Cardinals 2 Chicago Cubs 1 Philadelphia Phillies 5 Atlanta Braves 4

Hockey

ASIAN HOCKEY CUP Kuala Lumpur, Brunei 1 India 1 Netherlands 1 S Korea 1 Australia 1 Malaysia 1

Ice Hockey

NHL Stanley Cup playoffs Western Conference semi-finals Chicago 4 Colorado 1 (Chicago lead series 3-1)

Real Tennis

BRITISH PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Devonport 3-1 (Devonport leads 3-1)

Table Tennis

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Bratislava) Steve Nunn 4-0 Perseus (2-1)

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Cricket

Benson & Hedges Cup: Essex v Kent

Patel jigs for victory

David Foot at Chelmsford

MIN PATEL impishly squirted winning runs off Stuart Law with two balls remaining to give Kent their fourth victory in four B & H Cup matches and leave Essex to ponder whether they had mismanaged their bowling options.

It had been a singularly unrewarding day for Law with the ball but he was still entrusted with the last out over, when Kent cobbled together the necessary eight runs. The Australian ended with nought for 66.

Patel had made little impact with his inviting spin. Yet in the contrary ways of one-day competitions he emerged as a timely batsman, dabbling a four to third man and following it with a job into empty territory before going on a victory dance.

Essex had made 225 for six, restricted in various ways: not least by the medical man Julian Thompson, whose parsimonious two for 26 earned him the gold award. Eight of those runs came from boundaries in his last over.

He bounds in these days in pursuit of prized scalps; this time he got Cooch's. Hussain batted with maturity. He remained in circumspect non-scoring mode for 26 balls; then he neatly rattled

away for his 82 runs before being bowled by Hooper. Prichard was going well at the start but was eventually bowled by Thompson hitting across the line.

Law was caught at short midwicket when moving up a gear and then he began the charge. He started effectively with two sixes and signs of pre-determined aggression. His wicket, when caught by Marsh, was a crucial one for Kent.

When it was Kent's turn, Fleming immediately demonstrated ominous and indecent haste as he cracked four boundaries in an over from Law. The pattern was sustained as Hooper, who had earlier bowled cannily, went after the attack.

He disappeared eventually to deep mid-on, a good catch, and then Ward was out for a rather more wary half-century when he leaned back to stroke Such through the covers and was bowled.

Kent again trifled with the affections of their supporters. Falham was out to a fine fully caught; Walker made a sturdy contribution but then he and McCague departed in a trice as the match swayed back fascinatingly in Essex's favour.



Close-run thing... Fleming of Kent breaks the wicket to run out Grayson at Chelmsford yesterday, where Kent beat Essex by one wicket

Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire

Sweet return for Ambrose

Mike Selvey at Northampton

ONE WAY and another this has been an unusual few days for Northampton. First Steve Coverdale, the county's chief executive, made his traditionally pessimistic trip to Heathrow to meet Curtly Ambrose on Sunday, only to discover that his overseas star was actually on the flight he said he would be.

Then yesterday Ambrose, lagged like the outthrust pipes against the chill wind, helped Northants to a six-wicket win that put them in the B & H quarter-finals for only the second time in the last five years. They will now play Yorkshire at the County Ground next week to decide which of the two gets the home draw.

Northants deserved their win, gaining important early wickets, including a crucial one off Richard Bates' off-spin; on 15 when Bates failed to cling on to a

fingerbusting return catch; and on 40 when Chris Tolley at deep midwicket made a mess of a skyer, off the unfortunate Bates once more.

Nottinghamshire experienced a torrid start, with Ambrose's steely bounce virtually unplayable and Taylor cashing in at the other end with the wickets of Tim Robinson and Tolley.

When Paul Johnson was caught at midwicket off Ambrose's No. 4, he slipped to 46 for three. That they recovered to reach 322 was largely due to a four-wicket stand of 95 in 22 overs between Paul Polard, whose adventurous 79 contained a six and nine fours, and Ashley Metcalfe, freshly arrived from Yorkshire, who made 88.

Sussex v Surrey

Brown blasts England hint

Paul Weaver at Hove

DAVID LLOYD stroked his chin the way sages do when asked whom he had come to watch here yesterday. "Well, I haven't come for Vaseburt Drakes and I haven't come for Brendon Julian," replied the new England coach, who employed a flashing blade in front of the microphone but is now learning to play a straight bat.

There were probably a number of names on Lloyd's look-over list, including Speight of Sussex and Brown, Stewart, Hollis and even Lewis of Surrey. It was Allister Brown who seized the day with another spectacular

hit, making 117 not out — and the gold award — from 105 deliveries. Alec Stewart, the Surrey captain, has championed

Brown's cause for some time and now his protégé could replace him in the England side for the one-day internationals against India. Brown will be considered as Michael Atherton's opening partner.

To set a proper field for Brown here one needed a good bat. He struck five vast sixes, four off the off-spinner Nicky Phillips, and 11 fours. With Stewart he shared an unbroken partnership of 151 in 23 overs for the second wicket and Sussex were walloped by nine wickets with 14.5 overs to spare; their hopes of reaching the quarter-finals, far-fetched before this match, are now extinct.

Brown will have to be taken seriously. He also made 81 against Hampshire and 82 against Gloucestershire in this competition and before the season started there were three centuries in four friendly

Leicestershire v Lancashire

Fairbrother and Speak set up possible final in advance

David Hopps at Grace Road

LANCASHIRE and Warwickshire, the winners of last season's two domestic finals, have made such untroubled progress to the last eight of this competition that their now superlative Group A tie at Old Trafford next Tuesday has already taken on the air of a potential final.

The B & H Cup holders' eight-wicket victory over Leicestershire arose from slightly shaky foundations. They lost Atherton and Gallian within four overs but Speak and Fairbrother played with great resolve in a partnership of 109 in 41 overs to surpass Leicestershire's 176 with five overs to spare.

Leicestershire's new-ball attack of Mullally and Mills proved troublesome on a pitch offering some encouragement. Galian edged Mullally low to first slip but the first over and Atherton was

trapped in front by Mills three overs later. Whitaker, the Leicestershire captain, prolonged his new-ball attack as long as possible. Mullally bowled seven overs and Mills completed his spell. But Speak and Fairbrother dug in before finding release against the change bowlers.

Leicestershire's innings was wasteful, with the first seven batsmen reaching double figures but only Whitaker suggesting any degree of permanence. The South African Elworthy made a good impression, removing Smith and Simmons with successive deliveries.

For the fanatical Lancashire supporter who has taken to modelling a panama hat adorned with red roses, optimism abounded. The question is whether such wondrous early-season blooms will have required fierce pruning by Lord's in mid-July.

Maynard runs true to form

MATTHEW Maynard continued to impress as Glamorgan's new captain yesterday when his 151 not out against Middlesex at Lord's gave his side a six-wicket win and a chance of reaching the quarter-finals.

Adrian Dale returned to a competition-best 50 for Glamorgan, while Maynard, who hit six sixes and 10 fours, added 137 for the visitors' third wicket.

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QUINNELL AND CLARKE TOP THE BILL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE OPEN SEASON

Robert Armstrong sees the ambitious London rugby union club parade five new high-profile signings from both codes

Richmond start price war

RICHMOND have become the first rugby union club in England to enter the league transfer market with their signing of Wigan's Scott Quinnell and Jim Fallon of Leeds.

The London club, who last month won promotion to Courage League Two, will pay Wigan £300,000 for the 22-year-old Quinnell and Leeds will receive about £40,000 for Fallon, who at 30 faces a shorter professional career.

The pair were paraded with the England internationals Ben Clarke and Richard West and the England A prop Darren Crompton — the latest crop of high-profile signings announced by Richmond — at the Café Royal yesterday.

Richmond, boosted by a £2.5 million cash injection from the businessman Ashley Levett, have now recruited five internationals for next season's promotion campaign, including the Wales half-backs Andy Moore and Adrian Davies, who were acquired three weeks ago.

Other leading rugby league players such as Scott Gibbs of St Helens and Wigan's Va'anga Tuigamala have also been targeted by Richmond's ambitious chief executive Symon Elliott.

Elliott, who will budget for a wage bill of £700,000 next season, said: "Rugby union has entered an open era and I anticipate a transfer market involving the better players will develop over the next few seasons. Everybody we have signed will be on long-term contracts but some players who come back to union may well play both codes as professional rugby players."

Quinnell, who switched from Llanelli to Wigan only two years ago, is understood to be on a five-year contract worth £120,000 a season. Clarke, who will be the Richmond captain, will earn £150,000 a year over the same period. Moore and Davies £85,000 a year and West, Crompton and Fallon between £40,000 and £50,000. First-team players already with Richmond, all of whom are contracted for next season, will receive substantially less.

"I am impressed by Richmond's long-term commitment and the talent of the players they have signed," said Quinnell, whose Wigan contract still has eight weeks to run. The former Wales No. 8, who helped win the Five Nations trophy in 1994, will be in line for an interna-



High five... Ben Clarke, Scott Quinnell, Jim Fallon, Richard West and Adrian Davies line up for Richmond yesterday

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ditional comeback next autumn, though his long-term career will depend on Richmond winning promotion to League One in a year's time.

Clarke, who is 28, admitted he had spoken to the England manager Jack Rowell about his move from Bath without encountering any objection. "I have every intention of continuing to play for England and I don't think switching to Richmond will jeopardise that," said the England and 1993 Lions flanker. "I have no doubt it will be very hard to get out of League Two but we have a strong squad of players and, if we can play rugby like you see in the Super 12, that will be great."

Bath will go on attracting good players because of their unrivalled record in winning trophies, Clarke forecast. He

added that he was leaving them "with happy memories". However, Clarke accepted the likelihood that his own performance with Richmond would come under intense critical scrutiny because of his lucrative contract. "It has been like that already [with England] this season," he explained.

Fallon, another Bath player who won England B caps in the early Nineties, said a number of former union players who had gone to league were hoping to return to the 15-man game. "I think some of them would like to play both league and union at different times of the year, if that could be arranged," he said. Fallon, a powerful union wing, is probably a little too old to attract the interest of Rowell, his old Bath coach.

John Kingston, the Richmond coach who has been appointed director of rugby, underlined the club's plans to persevere with the type of at-

tractive football that earned them 1,100 points in 32 games this season. "We haven't received one yellow card and we gave value for money whenever we played," declared Kingston, who expects a full house at Richmond's first home game next September.

Elliott made it clear that in

the current dispute between the leading clubs and the Rugby Football Union, Richmond would support RFU policy decisions, notwithstanding their membership of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs. "We want to be the premier rugby union club in Britain and a major international force in the game."

Scotland's international players are to receive loyalty payments next season in an attempt to halt a drift south that continued when the wing Craig Joiner, capped 16 times, left Melrose for Leicester. He was paraded by the Tigers yesterday alongside the England A scrum-half Austin Healey, fresh from Orrell.

Gibbs and Tuigamala look the next prime targets

SCOTT QUINNELL'S departure to Richmond represents a considerable blow for rugby league. The code must, however, expect to suffer further losses in the free market, writes Paul Fitzpatrick.

The Welsh and Western Samoan centres Scott Gibbs and Va'anga Tuigamala would probably be the two prime targets for rugby union as it attempts to reclaim young, outstanding players who have made a

success of the switch to league. Iestyn Harris, though brought up in league, would also be at the top of many union clubs' shopping lists, particularly in Wales where he made such an impression with the Welsh rugby league World Cup side last year. But if these players make the switch they will cost rugby union a lot of money. Gibbs signed a five-year St Helens contract in 1994,

Tuigamala is only halfway through a 4½-year contract with Wigan and the 19-year-old Harris signed a new four-year deal with Warrington last August. Most players targeted so far by union are former union players but Bobbie Goulding, the scrum-half and captain of St Helens, has been linked with Orrell and Francis Cummins, the young Leeds centre or full-back, has interested Newcastle.

The Worm turns up the hype



Ian Katz

FIFTY PER CENT of life in the NBA is sex," declares Dennis Rodman in his new autobiography *Bad As I Wanna Be*. "The other 50 per cent is money."

Judging from his X-rated account of life in professional basketball, it would be difficult to quibble with the maths. Aply nicknamed The Worm, the odd-looking 34-year-old represents the *reductio ad absurdum* of America's celebrity-obsessed culture. To the uninitiated eye, his performance on the court seems unremarkable: he does not

score up 30 points a game like Michael Jordan or slam dunk like Shaquille O'Neal. From the free-throw line he can barely sink one in two shots. Yet Rodman is one of the biggest stars of a star-studded league, arguably the biggest after Jordan and O'Neal. Barely a month goes by without his scantily clad body gracing the cover of some magazine, barely a week without him making the headlines.

His extraordinary celebrity rests on two pillars. The first is a shameless determination to court attention. There is scarcely an inch of his 6ft 8in bulk that is not covered by a tattoo, or body part that has not been pierced. A season or two ago he struck on the idea of dyeing his hair — a different colour for every game.

When his appearance ceased to shock, Rodman turned to sex. He had a torrid and very public affair with Madonna; he took journalists on gambling binges; he revealed an enthusiasm for cross-dressing; he declared his intention to play a game stark naked; he bought a pink Harley Davidson.

Even in America, being the "baddest" player in the game would not have been enough, however. To be as big as Dennis Rodman, an athlete needs some claim to sporting excellence. Rodman found his in the specialised art of "rebounding", or grabbing missed shots as they bounce off the backboard or basket. He is, quite simply, the best rebounder in the NBA. He has the best of all time. He routinely catches 20 rebounds a game, double the number

that would be considered healthy for any other player. Rebounding was traditionally considered an unglamorous aspect of the game, a labour-intensive, physical sideline for the big men whose primary function was to score points.

But, by abandoning almost every other aspect of his game, Rodman has turned it into a science. He instantly calculates the likely trajectory of any ricochet, rising as though on a pogo stick and kicking his legs with child-like glee as he grabs the ball.

Anyone who doubted the value of his rebounding skills was silenced by his impact on the Chicago Bulls after joining them this season. Though the return of a fully conditioned Jordan doubtless had something to do with it, it was, to a large extent, the addition of Rodman that turned a mediocre side into the silky machine that garnered a record 72 wins.

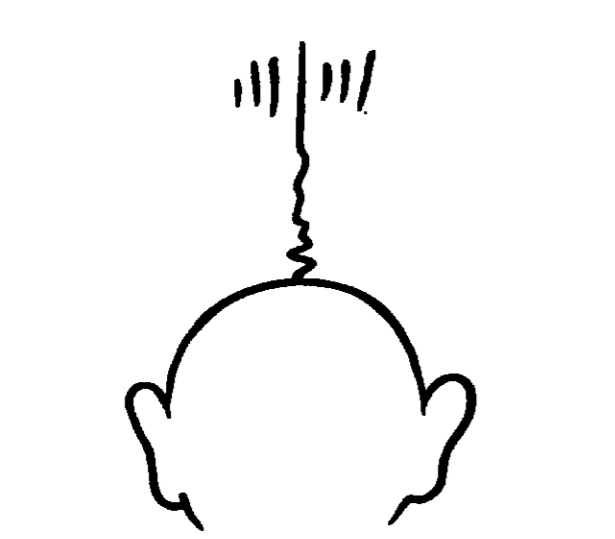
But, just as he helped create the Bulls' aura of invincibility, Chicago's championship hopes of the San Antonio Spurs, the best evaporation as Rodman was suspended for "insubordination" during the play-offs. The Spurs were so keen to get shot of Rodman that they traded him for Will Perdue, "a guy", as The Worm diplomatically puts it in his autobiography, "with no game."

Invoking the quiet authority of Jordan, the Bulls somehow tamed Rodman for much of the season. But in March he earned a six-game suspension for butting a referee, and the Bulls coach Phil Jackson began to look worried. When Rodman was ejected from the first game of the Bulls' play-off series against Miami, their rivals dared to hope: could he be a time bomb at the heart of the greatest ever team?

Since then, however, The Worm has confined his rebellious urges to his literary endeavours. To no one's surprise, the cover of his autobiography features the author naked on a Harley Davidson.

The tome was instantly mined for such insights as Madonna "wasn't an acrobat, but she wasn't a dead fish either". But the proper conclusion of the Rodman story is not, as he claims, that the NBA is half about sex and half about cash. The rise and rise of The Worm proves it is 99 per cent about hype.

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Birmingham sack Fry

Martin Thorpe

BARRY FRY yesterday completed his most surprising transfer, from the post of Birmingham City manager to the dols queue. Sacked at noon, he reacted with characteristic humour. "Kirstine is out shopping as usual," said his answerphone message, "and I've gone to the job centre looking for employment. Funny old game, innit?"

Indeed it is. On Sunday Birmingham's owner David Sullivan had said: "We will start the season with Barry Fry as manager."

So no wonder there was some embarrassment from Sullivan in announcing Fry's sudden departure. "We are desperately sorry changes had to be made," he said.

"It's heart-breaking because Barry is such a lovely, lovely person and he's worked very hard for the club. But we want to be in the Premiership next year and we feel the probability of that is higher with a new manager."

Once the shock had sunk in, however, Fry was less sanguine. "I couldn't believe it. Nothing surprises me but I didn't see this coming. On Monday night I was drinking with one of the club owners, talking about plans for next season. You could have knocked me down with a feather when I was sacked."

City will choose a replacement within seven days. George Graham and Trevor

Francis are favourites, while others mentioned include Walsall's Chris Nicholl and Charlton's Alan Curbishley.

Along with buying 61 players for £7.5 million during his 30 months in charge, Fry found success in a short time. In 1994-95 City were Second Division champions and won the Auto Windscreens Shield.

This season they were Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists and were third in the First Division on Boxing Day.

But their slump to finish 18th was enough to get Fry the sack. "Since Christmas our form was that of a relegation team," said Sullivan. He added that "a large number of the crowd" wanted a change.

Fry had become isolated in March when two of his coaches were sacked for indiscipline, and then he got upset when the board decided to appoint Dave Sexton as a coach against his wishes.

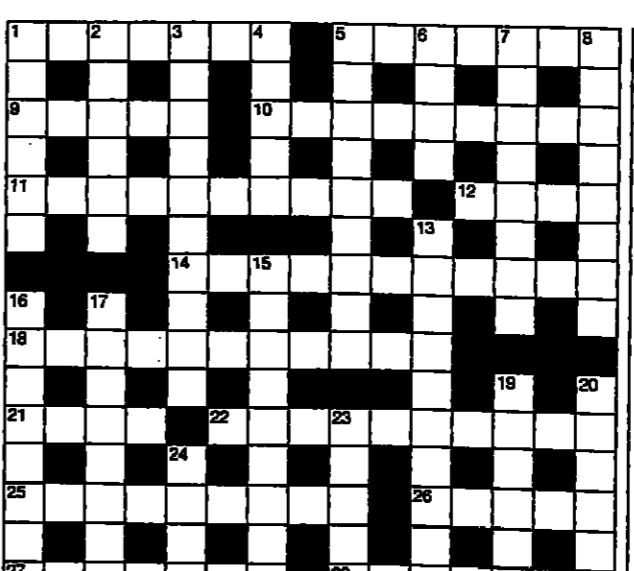
To soften the blow of the sack, Fry gets a £150,000 pay-off. "Barry is a very attractive prospect for clubs like Notts County or Luton," Sullivan said.

Fry... 'funny old game'

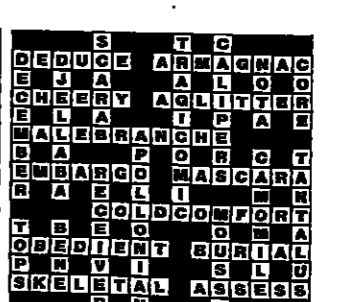
My first visit was in 1990, when Bernardo Bertolucci invited me to be on the jury. The jury members are distributed among the hotels along the Croisette and Mira Nair, the Indian director, and I were given the hotel furthest away from the Palais du Cinema ("Wogs and writers" was her plausible explanation).

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- Across**
- Crab will reach river in less than ten years (7)
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 - A zither playing without the backing of musical leaders — common complaint (9)
 - Streetcar role subtly changed (7-3)
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 - Feeling about brother or sister being 12 (11)
 - Accidental part of speech incomplete in meaning (11)
 - What's on hand is hit on head (4)
 - League formed by her and me, squally in scene of revelry? (5,5)
 - The Spanish are into the gurn: Italians begin with pasta (9)
- Down**
- Representative's obligation about letter (5)
 - Revolutionary in whom I leave a flea (5)
 - Quiet and keeping oneself to oneself, making something impossible (10)
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